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Moscow Says U.S. Drops Call For a Ban on Mobile Missiles

General, in Interview, Sees Gain for Strategic Arms Cut

By Jim Hoagland and Gary Lee
Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — The United States has brought a strategic arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union a step closer by agreeing to negotiate on land-based mobile missiles in the Geneva arms talks, according to a senior official on the Soviet general staff.

Colonel General Nikolai F. Chervov, the Defense Ministry's leading spokesman on arms control, said in an interview that the United States appeared to be moving away from its demand for a ban on such missiles because the Pentagon believed it had developed a workable plan to put MX intercontinental missiles on railcars.

An American official here said there had been no change in U.S. policy. But he confirmed that the United States had, for the first time, told the Soviet Union that it was willing to negotiate in Geneva on ways to verify an agreement that would allow both sides to deploy mobile missiles.

"We have every reason to believe that the problem of mobile missiles will be resolved," General Chervov said in the interview, conducted earlier this week. "We are now co-



STUDENT PROTESTS IN SOUTH KOREA — Students hurling gasoline bombs and stones at police in Kwangju on Thursday before arrival of the funeral procession of Cho Sung Man, a student who committed suicide Sunday. Tens of thousands reportedly joined protests after the procession, which passed through southern cities. In Seoul, demonstrators shouting anti-government and anti-U.S. slogans headed for a U.S. Embassy building before police dispersed them with tear gas.

Republicans Rush to Offer Bush Advice

By Paul Taylor
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — With Vice President George Bush having suffered a precipitous decline in national opinion polls, Republican elected officials and strategists say they must put some distance between themselves and the rest of the Reagan administration.

They are advising that he focus on quality-of-life issues like drugs, jobs, crime and education. They also say he should get out more among regular people and should tar Michael S. Dukakis, who is almost certain to be his Democratic opponent for the presidency, as a liberal.

The Republican leaders differed on the urgency of Mr. Bush's situation. Some say he is passing through a valley from which there is a ready escape, but others fear his troubled spring foreshadows an unexpectedly dicey fall campaign.

"How an incumbent vice president who wrapped up his party's nomination in March can be an underdog is amazing to me," said Edward J. Rollins, who managed

OECD Moves on Trade

Farm Differences Are Set Aside to Aid Global Talks

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The leading industrial nations temporarily set aside their differences on farm subsidies Thursday in an attempt to resolve a dispute that threatened to impede world talks on liberalizing trade.

Farm policy, which for the first time is included on the agenda, is the thorniest issue in global trade discussions. The nations issued a statement intended as a political message to trade ministers who will meet in Montreal in December to set a target for the actual talks.

Negotiations already are under way in Geneva as part of the so-called Uruguay round of talks of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The snagging in Paris bridged the gap between the United States, which wants a long-term commitment to eliminate farm subsidies by the year 2000, and the European Community, which wants an immediate, short-term trade, allowing the reduction of such subsidies.

The key statement issued here at the conclusion of the two-day annual ministerial meeting at the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, which groups the 24 leading industrial countries, said the "members should seek to agree" at the Montreal meeting "on a framework approach" for all 15 categories of trade issues in the current round of GATT talks.

This would include "short-term" as well as long-term elements, which will promote the reform process launched at last year's ministerial meeting, "and relieve current strains in agricultural markets," the statement said.

The communiqué said that this will make it possible "to hold a midterm review, at the meeting scheduled for December in Montreal, that establishes a solid base for the full and complete success of the negotiations."

In one reflection of the skirmishing that led up to the statement, negotiators spent hours debating whether to include the word "framework," pushed by the Americans and resisted by the Europeans.

Decoded, the word is meant to signify that the Montreal meeting will establish the goal of the Geneva negotiations and provide a road map and timetable for arriving at that destination, according to James A. Baker 3d, the U.S. Treasury secretary.

EC officials, meanwhile, sought a commitment from the Americans that they would not undermine European efforts to reduce subsidies

Huge Protests Are Reported In Armenia and Azerbaijan

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MOSCOW — Protests involving hundreds of thousands of Armenians and Azerbaijanis were reported here on Wednesday and Thursday in major cities linked to a dispute over the rights of minorities.

An Armenian activist said about 200,000 people gathered peacefully on Thursday in a square in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

About 100,000 people demonstrated in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, on Wednesday to protest the burning of an Azerbaijani home by Armenians, an Azerbaijani official said.

In a telephone interview from his home in Yerevan, the Armenian activist, Rafael Popoyan, said that a group promoting annexation of a part of neighboring Azerbaijan had not called the meeting and that the protest's purpose was unclear.

There were rumors it had been organized by officials, and people gathered out of curiosity, he said.

The police surrounded the square, but let people pass through their ranks, he said. Some of those who gathered Thursday carried banners renewing their demands for annexation of the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region.

In fighting in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait in February, more than 30 people died as Azerbaijanis, hunted and killed Armenians.

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Old Asian Foes Seek New Ties

China, Taiwan and South Korea Expand Trade Sharply

By Patrick L. Smith
International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — China's modernization drive and economic shifts in Taiwan and South Korea are hastening the pace at which Beijing is drawing closer to its two longtime foes, according to diplomats, officials and business executives.

The governments of Taipei and Seoul, neither of which has formal relations with Beijing, have signaled a desire in recent weeks to advance ties with China significantly beyond the moderate level of indirect trade over the last several years.

Both nations are now thinking of increasing imports of products from China and of a legal framework under which private industries would be allowed to make direct investments in China.

South Korea is poised to permit several leading industrial conglomerates to establish offices in Beijing, and these would function partly as unofficial diplomatic outposts.

The lasting political benefits of these advances are not yet clear. But analysts in Tokyo and elsewhere view China's broad opening to South Korea as one sign that Beijing is slowly becoming more confident that tensions on the Korean Peninsula may be reduced.

In Taiwan, which has undertaken a wide-ranging liberalization effort over the last two years, the relaxation of long trade and investment constraints on these relationships are still there to a point. But all sides are going to be increasingly inclined to disregard them.

Western analyst

Manila Vice: Morality vs. Economics as Police Crack Down

By Seth Mydans
New York Times Service
MANILA — Policemen moved quickly through the Flamingo nightclub the other evening, plucking young hostesses from the couches where they sat with customers and bustling them quietly out to a waiting van.

Loud music and flashing red and blue lights continued as before, but the dancers disappeared, and within moments the nightclub's patrons were left facing an empty stage.

"No one is quite sure why, but Manila suddenly has decided to crack down on vice."

Business is bad in the city's entertainment district, which draws male tourists from around the world.

Almost every night for nearly two months, the police have raided bars like the Flamingo, which they say are fronts for prostitution, rounding up the women, who dance wearing only bikinis or less.

During the afternoons, groups of bar girls, dressed in jeans and T-shirts, parade with placards protesting the raids.

"Something unholy is going on up there," said Colonel Conrado Fernando of the Manila police, defending the raids on a recent television talk show.

"But what's so wrong with being single?" asked the talk show hostess, Julie Yap Daza.

The police, the church and many politicians say they are concerned that Manila has gained a reputation as the Sin City of Asia.

"What we should guard against is sacrificing the dignity and honor of the Filipino woman," said President Corason C. Aquino, when asked about the campaign at a recent news conference.

But pragmatists say the raids are killing off the country's last big source of tourist revenue.

"It's a battle between morality and economics," said a local police reporter who has covered the raids.

City officials estimate that 15,000 women work as prostitutes in the 10-block Ermita red-light district.

Antonio Abalos, the local council captain, said 64,000 people would lose their jobs if the 505 bars, nightclubs, restaurants and other establishments there are closed.

Bar owners, most of them foreigners, say their business has fallen by 70 percent since the raids began and that they may not be able to survive for more than another month or so.

They say they cannot understand what has prompted this sudden surge of morality in a city where they have done lucrative business for years.



GARDEN PARTY — Emperor Hirohito of Japan, 87, appeared briefly Thursday at the annual garden party at Akasaka Palace in Tokyo. The celebration was attended by about 2,400 guests.

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Stock Prices Mixed in N.Y.
NEW YORK (UPI) — Stock prices were mixed Thursday as investors remained nervous about inflationary pressures and prospects for higher interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 35.32 points on Wednesday, rose 7.63 points to 1,958.72 after a late rally. But in the wider market, more stocks fell than rose. The index of 30 leading stocks earlier had been down 24 points. (Details, Page 10)

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Comecon And EC Are Near Accord
By Paul L. Montgomery
New York Times Service
BRUSSELS — The European Community and the trade association of Communist countries known as Comecon are close to establishing official relations, an EC source said Thursday.

A staff delegation from the East bloc has been negotiating at the European Community headquarters here this week, the source said, and has reached a formula to satisfy the political claims of both sides.

The agreement, which could be signed in early June in Moscow, would mark the first time since the European Community was founded in 1957 that the East bloc has recognized the 12-nation trade association. In practical terms, the pact would mean easier communication between the two sides and a faster pace to bilateral negotiations with Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

Last year, the EC imported \$31 billion from Comecon and exported \$25 billion to the bloc.

Comecon comprises the Soviet Union; its Warsaw Pact allies, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, East Germany, Poland, Romania, and Mongolia, Vietnam and Cuba. Comecon stands for the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.

The talks between Comecon and the EC began in the fall of 1986, but Berlin soon emerged as a stumbling block. The EC, through its member nation West Germany, considers West Berlin part of the community. But Comecon contends that Berlin has been under a four-power government since the end of World War II.

According to the source, the agreement would recognize West Berlin as part of the EC but would allow Comecon to issue a separate declaration on its territorial views.

6-Member Task Force From France Begins New Caledonia Mission

By Joseph Fitchett
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Putting into effect the first policy initiative of the new Socialist government in France, a fact-finding team arrived Thursday in New Caledonia in a bid to defuse the violence between French settlers and indigenous Melanesians in the Pacific island territory.

Confirming the political sensitivity of the New Caledonia crisis, Olivier Stirn, minister of French overseas departments and territories, said that Prime Minister Michel Rocard's government had decided not to comment on the future of New Caledonia during the team's monthlong visit.

Mr. Stirn, in an interview, said: "It's a unique mission in French history because the members have no instructions, no brief, no requirements: they can make recommendations or they can quarrel about what should be done."

The high priority accorded the task force reflected the passions that have arisen over the issue in France, peaking early this month when 21 Melanesian separatists and three French gendarmes were killed in separatist violence three days before the French presidential elections.

The Socialist government's thinking about New Caledonia, as outlined by Mr. Stirn, amounted to a practical application of the Socialist campaign theme of pragmatism and consensus-seeking in French politics.

"The fight is in New Caledonia, between two roughly equal groups, it is not in France," Mr. Stirn said, indicating that Mr. Rocard's government was prepared to try rethinking the issue after it hears the report of the six-member mission.

The team's visit coincides with the three-week campaign for French legislative elections, enabling the Socialists to avoid committing themselves on the emotionally charged New Caledonia issue.

The New Caledonian separatist movement was born shortly after the Socialists came to power in 1981. The government stabilized the situation in 1985, however, with an arrangement according de facto partition between the settlers and the indigenous population.

The plan left France in charge of defense in New Caledonia, which is a linchpin for French forces in the Pacific.

When Jacques Chirac, a conservative, became prime minister in

1986, he overturned the Socialist policy, which he said would have led to independence for the territory. Mr. Chirac's plan to tighten French control over New Caledonia pleased rich, conservative lobbies of settlers there and also placated nationalists in France.

The conservatives' policy in New Caledonia has become a national polemic in France after the bloodshed involved in freeing French hostages from separatists on May 5, three days before the presidential election.

Exemplifying the Socialists' new conciliatory style, Mr. Stirn said that he personally favored canceling the previous government's program for consolidating the status quo in New Caledonia.

But, he quickly added: "I'm not prejudging the results of the mission, which is a concrete example of the government's attempts to let exemplary Frenchmen recommend the wisest outcome."

The team, characterized by Mr. Rocard as "the conscience of the nation," is unusual in that it does not comprise primarily politicians or high civil servants.

Two members are church leaders, one of whom has opposed Socialist educational policies. Two are prominent Freemasons, who are believed to have good personal contacts among fellow Freemasons on all sides in New Caledonia.



Two policemen examining on Thursday damage from a bomb explosion in a building in Noumea, New Caledonia. Four persons were injured, but no one claimed responsibility for the attack.

End Game in the Afghan War

A Final Phase Is Seen as Testing Both Rebels and Kabul

By Richard M. Weintraub
Washington Post Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — The military battle for Afghanistan is entering what is thought to be a final phase that could test the survivability of the government and the ability of guerrillas to mount more intensive attacks on large garrisons.

Soviet troops have pulled out of the strategic Nangarhar Province in the initial stage of their withdrawal. Western diplomats now say there are signs that Kandahar, another important southern center, may become the next region to be vacated by the Soviets, perhaps within the next week.

This would leave these main regional centers vulnerable to attack by Afghan rebels, Asadabad, the center for Kunar Province, is also reported by Western diplomats to be under siege. A rebel victory there would open the entire Kunar Valley to relatively uncontested movement by guerrilla forces.

Similarly, Qalat, the center of southeastern Zabul Province, is also now reportedly under siege, cutting the main road from Kabul to Kandahar.

"The mujahidin have never taken a major provincial center in a set battle," said a Western diplomat, who is skeptical of their ability to shift from guerrilla tactics to those of conventional war.

Kabul appears to be well defended, although ultimately vulnerable to a siege that would cut off its supplies of food, power and fuel. But many suggest it may never come to that.

"You remember in Vietnam that the South had fantastic defenses for Saigon, but when the other provinces fell, the whole situation just fell apart," a Western diplomat said.



"I have the impression that the mujahidin are pushing for very early victories," he said, "perhaps at Qalat, Asadabad or Kandahar."

"I would think that Jalalabad could hold for a while," he said, even though it would appear to be more vulnerable than Kandahar, since it was the first place to be abandoned by the Soviets and is also closer to major guerrilla supply lines.

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Japan: Odd Nation Out In Dealing With Soviets

During Gorbachev Era, No Thaw In Cool Tokyo-Moscow Relations

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

TOKYO — The approaching Moscow summit meeting has underscored for Japan the fact that it is the only country in the Western alliance that has not appreciably improved relations with the Soviet Union under Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Japanese leaders insist that they want friendlier dealings, a point emphasized Tuesday by Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita. Mr. Gorbachev was quoted two weeks ago in Moscow as making the same point to a visiting delegation from the Japan Socialist Party.

But significant improvements have thus far eluded the two powers of northern Asia, and Soviet officials suggest in veiled language that on this matter Japan is becoming the odd nation out among the United States and its major allies.

"I believe Japan needs *perestroika* in its policy toward the Soviet Union," Georgi Komarovskiy, counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, said in an interview, using the Russian word for restructuring.

A senior Foreign Ministry official asserted, however, that Moscow was more to blame.

"Perestroika is going on within the Soviet Union," he said, "but we don't see *perestroika* in Soviet relations with Japan."

Mutual coolness persists even though Mr. Gorbachev has called for expanded contacts with East Asia, a part of the world that Moscow long ignored despite its obvious economic vibrance. Periodically, there are rumors that Moscow plans a grand gesture aimed at Japan, but nothing of substance has resulted.

The biggest obstacle remains what it has been for 43 years — Japan's insistence that the Russians wrongfully occupy four islands that it regards as Japanese land. Because of this issue, the two countries have never signed a peace treaty formally ending World War II, although they established diplomatic relations in 1956.

Japanese leaders say this topic must be included in any discussion of economic matters, which are Moscow's main interest. But for the last decade the Soviet position is that no territorial issue exists, and so there is nothing to talk about.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Hungarian Leader Reported Ready To Step Aside for Prime Minister

BUDAPEST (NYT) — Officials with close links to Communist Party headquarters said Thursday that János Kadar, the Hungarian leader since 1956, had given in to mounting pressure within the party and would give up his post as general secretary at the national party conference that will open Friday.

The officials said Karoly Grosz, now the prime minister, would be elected as top party leader. The decisions were made by the Politburo on Monday, the officials said.

The reports could not be confirmed. In view of the intense party controversy over Mr. Kadar's leadership, diplomats familiar with the reports said that they could not exclude the possibility that Mr. Grosz's supporters might be using "press leaks" in an effort to advance his known ambition for the top post.

But Hungarians with long experience in party affairs said that, as in the past, the general secretary would be, or had already been, chosen behind closed doors by the Politburo and approved in a rubber-stamp vote by the Central Committee. The process, they said, will not be made final before Moscow has indicated that it does not object to the choice of leader.

Fighting Continues in South Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite Muslim factions in south Beirut battled with automatic weapons for a 14th day on Thursday, despite efforts by Syria and Iran to end the fighting.

Police said a man was killed Thursday and 10 people were injured in the clashes between the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, of Party of God, and the pro-Syrian Amal, the Arabic for hope.

More than 240 people have been killed and some 770 wounded since fighting broke out on May 6 for control of the slums, where Hezbollah-affiliated groups are believed to hold most of the 18 foreign hostages in Lebanon.

Drug Shown to Help Smokers Quit

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A prescription drug that has been used to treat hypertension for 20 years has been shown to help heavy smokers give up cigarettes, researchers reported Thursday.

The study on the drug, clonidine, also revealed that an unexpectedly high proportion of heavy smokers had a history of major depression and that these people seemed to have particular difficulty in quitting. The tests showed that clonidine was more than twice as effective as a placebo in helping people give up smoking. It was to be reported in the Friday edition of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dr. Alexander Glassman, a Columbia University psychiatrist who led the study at the New York State psychiatric institute, said Thursday: "The smoker has to want to stop. The clonidine makes the withdrawal symptoms less intense, but it doesn't make them stop." He said the drug, which is available in the United States under the trade name Catapres, had no serious side effects.

Slovenian Confirms Plot by Army

BELGRADE (Reuters) — A senior Slovenian security official confirmed Thursday a report in an official youth magazine that the Yugoslav Army had planned to crush liberals in Slovenia through mass arrests and other measures.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said the contents of a report in the magazine *Mladina* were true. The article described a plan for the mass detention of writers, reporters and liberal government officials.

The article said the army would then act to put down unrest in the northern Yugoslav republic, *Mladina*, the organ of the Slovenian Socialist Youth Alliance, published an open letter asking if such a plan really existed. A Communist Party official said he did not expect an official statement before Friday.

Byrd Adds to Calls for Meese to Quit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Democratic leader of the Senate, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, said Thursday that President Ronald Reagan should dismiss Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d on grounds that the operation of the Justice Department is faltering because of his legal problems.

Mr. Meese has refused to resign and, after a visit to Capitol Hill on Wednesday, apparently is ready to fight through "the last days" of Mr. Reagan's term, despite harsh criticism within his own party.

Mr. Byrd said the Department of Justice was not operating efficiently because Mr. Meese "is spending an inordinate amount of his time dealing with his own personal problems." There have been high-level protest resignations from the Justice Department in recent weeks as an independent prosecutor investigates possible violations of federal ethics law.

16 Killed After Golden Temple Siege

AMRITSAR, India (UPI) — Authorities recovering bodies and weaponry from the Golden Temple on Thursday suspected that four armed Sikh militants were still inside the shrine after a 10-day siege, police said.

Police also said 16 more people were killed by Sikh extremists in attacks across the Punjab, after 47 of their colleagues surrendered at the temple complex Wednesday, ending the siege at the Sikhs' spiritual center.

Since Sunday 104 people have died, bringing a total of 1,101 deaths this year in violence connected to the drive to create theocratic nation of Khalistan, or "land of the pure," in the Sikh-majority state.

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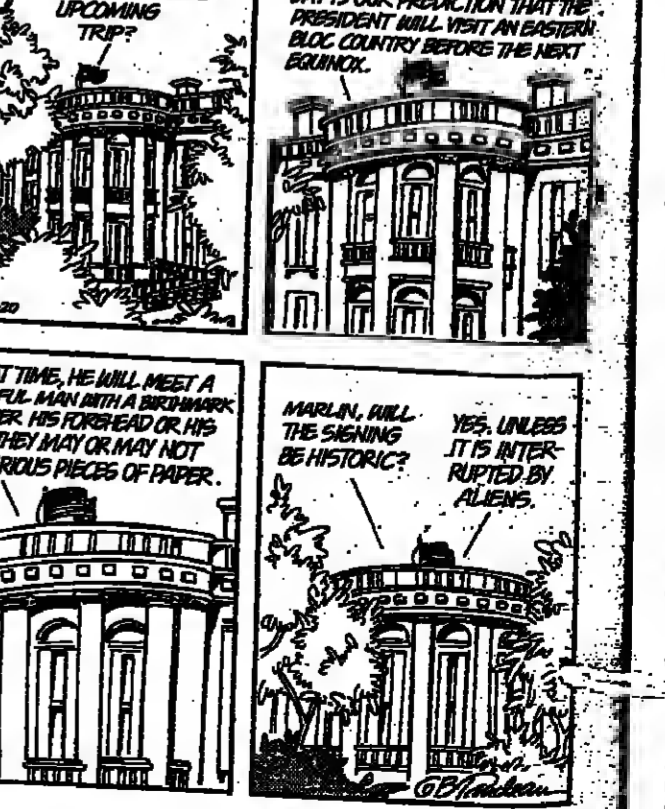
Archbishop Solves Irish Angling Row

DUBLIN (Reuters) — An intervention by an archbishop has ended a boycott by anglers which halted fishing across Ireland, threatening the 45 million punt (\$72 million) tourist trade. Archbishop Joseph Cassidy negotiated a settlement between anglers and the government of Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

The dispute centered on a government decision to impose a 15 punt (\$24) licence fee for the first time on trout and coarse fishing. Anglers refused to pay and barred all fishing on Irish rivers and lakes, blocking the fishing holiday plans of 200,000 visitors.

The chairman of Lufthansa, the West German airline, called in Frankfurt on Thursday for a reduction in air space reserved for military aircraft over central Europe to help civil aviation authorities cope with the growing demand for more civilian air routes. (AP)

DOONESBURY



Japanese Protest U.S. Use Of Lie Detectors at Bases

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese workers at U.S. Navy bases are protesting a policy that requires employees who deal with confidential matters to submit to lie detector tests.

The plan neglects our basic human rights," said Misao Kamiyama, chairman of the All Japanese Garrison Forces Labor Union, which represents 1,200 workers at the U.S. bases.

The union on Monday asked the Defense Facilities Administration Agency, which hires Japanese workers for the bases, to urge the Americans to drop the polygraph requirement.

The agency acts as liaison between the U.S. military in Japan and the Japanese government.

"In Japan, only criminals get that kind of treatment," Mr. Kamiyama said. "We are planning a full-scale nationwide protest against the decision," he added, if the agency does not respond by Friday.

The navy briefed the workers on the tests in April. Mr. Kamiyama said about 500 Japanese were asked to sign an agreement to take a polygraph examination and were "threatened to be transferred to other sections if they refuse to sign."

The accuracy of polygraph tests is widely disputed.

An agency spokesman said it consented to the U.S. plan but expressed concern about the "human rights standpoint" of polygraph tests. The spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, did not elaborate.

Since September 1987, the navy has been requiring the polygraph examination before it grants "limited access authorization," to personnel, a U.S. military spokesman said.

"This is a measure taken worldwide and not aimed at Japanese alone," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

About 500 Japanese base workers are subject to the lie detector test, the spokesman said.

Ex-AP Journalist Is Called Agent For Sandinists

Washington Post Service

MANAGUA — A former journalist for The Associated Press worked as a double agent within the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency for the Sandinist government, according to the Nicaraguan interior minister.

The purported role within the CIA of the journalist, Maria Lourdes Pallas Checa, was revealed by Interior Minister Tomas Borge Martinez in a speech Tuesday to a group of Meskito Indians in a remote jungle area of Nicaragua.

Ms. Pallas, 35, was covering the speech as a reporter for a Nicaraguan radio station and apparently was surprised by the statement.

Ms. Pallas, a Nicaraguan citizen and niece of the former Nicaraguan dictator General Anastasio Somoza, has refused to comment on the case.

But her attorney in New York said he had been authorized to confirm Mr. Borge's account.

[Ms. Pallas worked for The AP in New York from August 1978 until November 1979, first on the editing desk of the Latin American service and later in the New York City bureau, the news service said. She resigned from the agency in 1979, saying she wanted to investigate her brother's death and help care for her ill mother.]

French Farmer-Police Clash

Revers

VANNES, France — French pig farmers, angered by falling pork prices, clashed Wednesday night with the police in Brittany, throwing gasoline bombs and paving stones. The police said they used tear gas to disperse 200 to 300 farmers at the police headquarters here. No injuries were reported.

Norwegian Ship Set Afire in Gulf By Iranian Boats

United Press International

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iranian gunboats attacked a Norwegian ship carrier in the Strait of Hormuz Thursday with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire, setting it ablaze and injuring one seaman, in the second such strike in two days, shipping sources said.

They added that U.S. warships, now under orders to aid neutral shipping in the Gulf, were not in the vicinity during the raid on the 43,849-ton *Berge Strand*.

Lloyd's of London, the shipping insurers, said the *Berge Strand*, a liquefied petroleum gas carrier, was hit at 7:30 A.M. as it was bound for the port of Ras Tanura in Saudi Arabia. Two gunboats were said to have carried out the attack on the unarmed and empty carrier, owned by the B. Y. Bergesen Co. of Oslo.

The fire was extinguished and the vessel was moving under its own power to the port of Dubai, the sources said.

The attack was the second by Iranian gunboats in little more than 24 hours. In the earlier attack, three Iranian boats fired on the Panamanian-registered tanker *Ace Chemi*, setting it afire. The crew abandoned ship but no casualties were reported.

Amerasians: Rejection in Vietnam, and in the U.S.

By Lisa Belkin
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Growing up in Vietnam, Vinh Doan came to expect rejection.

His father was a black American soldier he never met. His Vietnamese mother spent years telling him he was ugly because he looked like his father, then gave him to a neighbor when he was 7 years old.

When he came to the United States two years ago, he says, he thought he would finally belong. He was wrong.

"In Vietnam, they called me American," the 19-year-old explained through an interpreter. "Here, they don't know what I am."

Vinh's story of hope and disappointment is typical of the disillusionment of nearly 5,000 Amerasian children and their families who have entered the United States over the past 10 years.

And it is what faces more than 20,000 more Vietnamese children of American fathers who are expected to arrive in the next 18 months.

"Most of these children have spent their whole lives being discriminated against in Vietnam because they are Americans," said Anna Crossin, executive director of the International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis.

"Now they come here and people say, 'You don't look American. You don't sound American.'"

The rejection is devastating because "the Amerasians think of this as their country, this is their father's country," said Rose Marie Battisti, executive director of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees in Utica, New York, which has resettled 360 Amerasians and their families since 1983.

The adjustment problems of Amerasian immigrants have suddenly become a matter of concern to officials and social workers who must prepare for the immigration flood that is expected to result from the Amerasian Homecoming Act.

The immigrants will be sent to one of 30 cluster sites around the United States, which have not yet been officially selected but which are likely to include Houston, St. Louis, Utica and Washington.

In deference to the sensitivities of the Vietnamese government, the Amerasians will not be called refugees, but the new law makes them eligible for benefits normally available only to refugees.

Charitable organizations will be designated to sponsor the families and will be given \$425 a family member to help the newcomers get their lives in order.

If the Amerasians already in the United States are any guide, those about to come will need help with more than just finding housing and getting a job. Many will bring problems rooted in the chaos of Vietnam, where their black and Caucasian skin branded them as the enemy.

There are accounts of Amerasian children being abandoned on the streets of Saigon, forming gangs to help care for each other and turning to prostitution and theft.

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Cocaine Dealer Convicted

Colombian Guilty In Big U.S. Case

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
JACKSONVILLE, Florida — Carlos Lehder Rivas, accused of being a leader of Colombia's Medellín cartel, was found guilty on Thursday of running a smuggling operation that shipped tons of cocaine from Colombia to the United States.

A jury convicted Mr. Lehder of all drug-trafficking charges against him after seven days of deliberations in a trial that lasted more than seven and a half months. A co-defendant was convicted on a conspiracy charge.

Prosecutors called Mr. Lehder the biggest foreign drug smuggler ever brought to trial in the United States. A U.S. attorney, Robert Merkle, described him as "the Henry Ford of drug trafficking," saying Mr. Lehder had pioneered in mass shipments of cocaine by air from Colombia to the United States.

Mr. Lehder, 38, and a co-defendant, Jack Carlton Reed, 57, were convicted of conspiring to smuggle 3.3 tons of cocaine, using Norman's Cay in the Bahamas, from 1978 to 1980.

Mr. Lehder now faces a sentence of life plus 150 years in prison and up to \$350,000 in fines and possible forfeiture of millions of dollars in real estate.

Mr. Reed, of San Pedro, California, was convicted on a single conspiracy count and faces up to 15 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

Mr. Lehder was found guilty on all counts: conspiracy, two counts of importation of cocaine, seven counts of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and one charge of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise.

Prosecutors and government witnesses had described Mr. Lehder as a former New York street hoodlum who had put together a cocaine-smuggling empire after he was deported to his homeland.

Authorities said the Medellín cartel, named for a city in Colombia, was believed to be responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine smuggled into the United States.

Mr. Lehder was captured by the Colombian Army on Feb. 4, 1987, after a firefight outside a Medellín mansion. He was immediately flown to Florida in an extradition move that caused controversy in Colombia.

A day before delivering the verdict, the jury reviewed a videotape made by Mr. Lehder in 1985 when he was a fugitive in the jungles of Colombia.

"This is about political action and cocaine has become, and marijuana has become, a revolutionary weapon in the struggle against North American imperialism," he said on the tape. "Stimulants from Colombia are the Achilles' heel of imperialism."

The names of the jurors have not been made public for security reasons, and a U.S. district judge, Howell W. Melton, had the foreman sign the verdict form only with his number.

In the trial, witnesses told of Mr. Lehder's flamboyant personality, which included admiration for both Hitler and John Lennon.

Witnesses said Mr. Lehder, after initially smuggling the drug himself and paying others to fly between Colombia and the United States, earned a stake that allowed him to fly his own shipments.

Mr. Lehder was said to have taken over the small island of Norman's Cay, a short hop from the Florida coastline. From Norman's Cay, witnesses said Mr. Lehder flew cocaine to Georgia and Florida.

The principal prosecution witness was Ed Ward, a former marine pilot who ran his own marijuana smuggling operation from the island. He teamed up with Mr. Lehder, he said, but eventually had disagreements with Mr. Lehder's co-defendant, Mr. Reed.

After he was arrested in early 1981, Mr. Ward began cooperating with the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Mr. Ward, who is under federal protection and has been given a new identity, testified about hauling 1,600 kilograms of cocaine from Colombia to Norman's Cay and flying tons of cocaine from the Bahamian island to airstrips in Florida and Georgia.

The trial included a brief appearance by Walter Cronkite, the former CBS News anchorman, who testified about being chased away from Norman's Cay in 1978 when he tried to anchor there. "I was the most naive yachtsman in the Bahamas," he said.

The defense attorneys, Edward Shohat and Jose Quinon, disputed the credibility of Mr. Ward and other prosecution witnesses. They accused them of making deals to avoid punishment for their own crimes and said Mr. Lehder was a legitimate businessman being victimized by drug investigators.

In a surprise move, they said they would present no defense witnesses after the prosecution rested, sending the trial immediately to the jury. (AP, Reuters, UPI)



A HIGH-FIVE SALUTE — President Ronald Reagan and a cadet, Joseph J. Lo Sciuto, share a "high five" at U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduation ceremonies in Connecticut.

U.S. Defense Chief Orders Work On Rail Version of MX to Proceed

By George C. Wilson
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci has ordered work on the rail version of the MX missile to go forward, approving \$328.7 million in contracts to build test versions of railroad cars to carry and fire it.

The Pentagon announced the move Wednesday. Critics who back the rival Midgetman missile said Mr. Carlucci was moving so far ahead with the rail version of the MX that the next president might be locked in to this deployment plan.

Mr. Carlucci has championed putting the 10-warhead MX on rails rather than confining deployment to existing Minuteman silos, arguing that mobility would make the MX harder for the Soviet Union to attack.

Opponents said the money Mr. Carlucci has now earmarked for 1988 would be supplemented by additional appropriations when Congress finishes the fiscal 1989 Defense Department budget, perhaps tipping the balance toward the rail MX at the expense of the proposed Midgetman, a much smaller missile carrying a single warhead.

Opponents say the public will never accept the idea of nuclear weapons being carried through towns in railroad cars during periods of tension. Opponents also

contend that going ahead with the rail MX also conflicts with the Reagan administration's call for banning U.S. and Soviet deployment of such mobile missiles under a strategic arms reduction treaty.

Senator Albert Gore Jr., Democrat of Tennessee, a leading Midgetman proponent, warned against allowing the Pentagon to push the rail-mobile MX beyond the point of no return.

"It would be disastrous for this administration to leave its successor only one ICBM option," he said, referring to intercontinental ballistic missiles.

He said Congress should split the money more evenly between MX and Midgetman to preserve the next president's flexibility.

President Ronald Reagan and Mikhail S. Gorbachev are expected to discuss the question of mobile, long-range missiles at the summit meeting in Moscow at the end of this month. The Soviets have deployed mobile missiles — the 10-warhead SS-24 on rails and the single-warhead SS-25 on trucks, Mr. Carlucci views the rail MX as a counter to these weapons.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said Wednesday that the funds to develop the launching car by mid-1992 and for a launch control system came from money Congress appropriated last year. This year, the House and the Senate are far apart on how much

money should go for a rail-mobile MX.

In the fiscal 1989 Pentagon budget now under debate, Mr. Carlucci requested \$800 million for the mobile MX and \$200 million for the mobile Midgetman, which would be hauled around military bases in the West. The House Armed Services Committee authorized \$500 million for each proposal, but the House, in passing the authorization bill, authorized only \$100 million for MX and \$600 million for Midgetman.

The Senate is proposing to authorize \$700 million for MX and \$300 million for Midgetman, possibly setting the stage for a House-Senate compromise measure earmarking about \$350 million for each missile.

The air force plan calls for 25 short MX trains, carrying two missiles each, for a total of 50 MXs. Congress has limited MX deployment to 50 missiles in existing Minuteman silos.

An MX train would have two locomotives, two missile cars, a launching control car, two security cars and several other cars.

Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, would be the central depot for the MX railroad. In a crisis, the trains would roll off the base and onto the nation's civilian rail system, making them difficult targets for Soviet nuclear warheads.

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Rights Risk Cited in U.S. Drug Powers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff says the armed forces will carry out any actions against drug trafficking that Congress mandates, but he warned the practice could compromise civil rights.

"Putting an end to the drug problem would be much broader than our mission," Admiral William J. Crowe Jr. said.

"I think there are things we can do, primarily identification, surveillance and tracking of people bringing in drugs in illicit fashion," Admiral Crowe said Wednesday.

But, he warned, "to solve the drug problem and still guarantee all Americans the rights and privileges they enjoy today is a difficult thing." He added: "To truly stop the flow of drugs, you would have to increase police powers and do some searches and seizures that are not contemplated today."

The Senate last week approved a provision giving the military an expanded role in stopping drug smuggling, including new arrest powers for navy officers aboard warships that stop suspected drug boats on the high seas.

The House has passed a more far-reaching provision, ordering the president to have the military essentially seal off U.S. borders against illegal drug trafficking.

The provisions were attached to the Defense Department's budget, which is being debated on Capitol Hill.

Ruling on Drug Testing
A federal judge in Boston ruled Wednesday that random drug testing for city police officers is unconstitutional, describing the practice as an "unreasonable" invasion of privacy, United Press International reported.

U.S. District Judge Robert Keeton ruled that the random urinalysis program was "very intrusive" and was a violation of the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure.

Judge Keeton did uphold a department practice of urine tests on officers suspected of drug use. However, he found that there was no evidence of a drug problem in the department.

Related cases pending in federal appeals courts include challenges to urine testing of prison guards in Iowa and customs agents in New Orleans.

Judge Keeton's decision was praised by the Boston Police Patrolman's Association, which said the probable-cause issue would likely have to be settled during contract talks.

"I'm glad the courts have ruled that police officers have the same rights as everyone else in this country," said Robert Guiney, president of the patrolman's union.

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Tilting Toward Shultz

It certainly looked as though President Reagan was trying to influence the Israeli election next fall. During Tuesday's White House visit he unstintingly praised Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, whose "positive attitude toward peace" he contrasted with the negativism of other, unnamed world leaders who "consistently reject new ideas."

What he in fact was tilting toward is the policy that Secretary of State George Shultz has lately worked so hard for: an internationally supported peace settlement. No haruspex is needed to divine that Mr. Reagan had in mind Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Mr. Peres's coalition rival, who has intractably resisted any proposal to exchange land for peace. Some corrective tilt was called for in any case, given Mr. Shamir's behavior after his visit to the United States in March. He was received with elaborate courtesy at the White House but gave not an inch on the U.S. proposals for negotiations. He met American Jewish leaders and urged them to silence doubts about Israel's harsh crackdown on the Palestinian uprising in occupied territories. "When unity breaks down," he pleaded, "our enemies exploit every critical statement to their own end."

Trade Turns the Corner

With a remarkable swoop downward, the March figures for the U.S. trade deficit give the most dramatic evidence so far that a turning point has been reached and passed. Year after year from 1980 to 1987, the trade deficit steadily rose. The peak of the curve seems to have been the summer and early autumn of last year. From November through February the monthly reports showed some improvement, but the March figures, published on Tuesday, suggest a sharp and accelerating drop.

helps explain the recent drop in the unemployment rate. It also helps explain the current rise in manufacturing wages. Maintaining the rise in exports without a parallel rise in inflation will not be easy. Most of the swing in the trade balance came from two groups of countries — the West Europeans and, even more sharply, three of the newly industrialized economies of the Pacific rim. South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan all saw sudden reductions in their trade surpluses with the United States. The effects of this trend will be wholly good for the United States. It will diminish the political pressures for the self-inflicted burdens of protectionist trade legislation. The hallooing deficits generated a misimpression that the U.S. economy could no longer compete; that will now fade.

Bridge Will Be Back

Graybeard former undergraduates who in the 1930s majored in Benny Goodman and minored in bridge will be dismayed to hear what the Aquarian Age has done to their sport. Alan Truscott, bridge columnist of The New York Times, recently reported on a study showing that for every bridge player on campus now there are eight chess players. The "me" generation insists on going it alone. Partnerships are out.

dom have forgotten that no woman could be present. Sorority sisters played endless bridge on the oriental carpet in the common room, sometimes pecking enviously over their cards as other sisters received male guests. At the very least, coeducation facilitates more convenient entertainment. Why, meanwhile, should chess be booming? Possibly because the serious male-female partnership of bridge, in which each player is driven to "postmortem" the other's errors, is a stern test of sensitivity. Many who learned the game at their parents' elbows simultaneously learned forecast family trouble from remarks rising at the card table. Why jeopardize a good relationship for a few overtricks?

Other Comment

A Papal Boost for Paraguay But for the fact that he is an evil man, Generalissimo Alfredo Stroessner, president for a third of a century after eight uniquely bent elections, would be a joke figure among banana-republic dictators. With his doorman's uniform and palpable deceptiveness it is very hard to take such a bloodstained buffoon seriously. The citizens of benighted Paraguay, however, take their lives in their hands if they oppose the tyrannical incubus.

back to stifling all dissent with renewed enthusiasm. The question remains whether clerical condemnation and the sincerity of the pontifical superstar's sympathy are enough in the longer term, in places like Paraguay and Chile, to deal with the Marxists when they assert that this life rather than the next is the right time to go for freedom. — The Guardian (London).

Eau, How Dumb Can You Be? The cosmetics industry has flourished by stoking the vanity of the baby boom generation. Now it is at work on babies. Under names like Eau de Senteur and Eau de Toilette, it is selling perfume, soaps and other cosmetics for babies and young children, at prices like \$30 for 3.3 ounces. Actually, the targets of this marketing ploy are not "upscale" children but their parents. Says an industry consultant: "It seems to be for guilty yuppie parents who work all the time."



Bush, Now the Underdog, Can Win in the Stretch

WASHINGTON — The New York Times CBS News Poll shows George Bush trailing Michael Dukakis by 10 points. A Los Angeles Times poll shows the Republican trailing in California by 17 points. Mr. Bush can now lay claim to being the underdog, and can accuse his opponent of being the front-runner.

On the other hand, the vice president can now lay claim to being the underdog, and can accuse his opponent of being the front-runner. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles says Mr. Dukakis lists his height as 5 feet 8 inches; up against the wall, candidate.

vice. Most Reagan voters deserting you are voting, worried that you are hiding something and uneasy about your tough-mindedness. (Be sure to give Mr. Reagan a list of decisions in which you participated, lest he answer with an Ike-like "give me a week to think about it.")

The Economic Omens Favor Bush

WASHINGTON — Political scientists and economists have documented the strong influence of economic events on American election results. The story they tell is not one of Democrats vs. Republicans. Voters do not turn to one particular party when the economy goes sour. The story is of incumbents vs. challengers: A weak economy hurts the "ins" and helps the "outs."

such details as the names of the candidates, social and political trends, and developments in foreign affairs. It declares that the Republicans would have won the same lopsided victory in 1980 even if the Iranians had never taken Americans hostage and the Republicans had nominated Harold Stassen.

Hungary: A Consensual Succession Would Help

LONDON — Janos Kadar, who has ruled Hungary since the abortive anti-Communist uprising of 1956, is being portrayed this week as a stubborn old politician battling to hold on to his job as power-hungry youngsters snap at his heels. But something far more significant than a simple confrontation between a Communist leader and his opponents takes place when a special party conference convenes in Budapest today.

By Alexander MacLeod Spurring Mr. Pozsgay on are a bevy of leading academics and citizens' groups, many of whose members no longer believe in the leading role of the party and want a radical break with the system that has prevailed in Hungary for four decades. A new instance of such thinking is the Federation of Young Democrats, set up last month in direct opposition to the official Communist youth organization. Another sign of the times was the recent creation of an independent trade union for scientific workers.

who succeeds Mr. Kadar is the way the successor is chosen. The signs point to an attempt to achieve as broad a consensus as possible behind both a new leader and his policies. A leader who takes power with the blessing of his predecessor and who can claim to have widespread popular support would enjoy the nearest thing to legitimacy that a Communist single-party system can offer. If the conference sets the scene for such a transfer of power, it will have succeeded in doing something unique in the history of Marxism-Leninism.

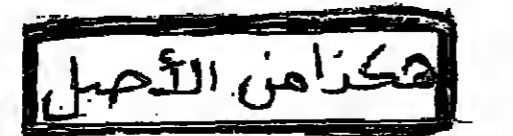
Rewriting The Past In Russia

By Richard Reeves MOSCOW — "History students are the ones having real trouble with glasnost and perestroika," said Alexander Yerkamov, deputy editor of a newspaper in Tula, south of Moscow. "When their exams come they don't know whether to give the history in their books or what the teachers are telling them really happened."

His magazine and others are publishing novels, diaries, poems, articles that have been hidden for decades. The mass murders of peasants who resisted collectivization of their farms, the killing of Jews and the executions of Stalin's rivals are now the stuff of day-to-day Soviet commentary. Those tales and that analysis are still mostly the dialogue of the country's self-conscious intelligentsia. History teachers and local journalists (and television, of course) act as the bridges to the 200 million Soviet people spread over two continents.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO 1888: Mississippi Flood NEW YORK — The water in the Mississippi is higher than has ever been known since 1851, and the floods are doing enormous damage in the adjoining country. Ten days ago [May 8] the water reached the danger point and it has been rising steadily ever since. The Government gauge now marks 19 feet 9 inches, that is, seven inches higher than during the great floods of 1881. Not an acre of ground in this territory can escape the flood, and the loss to the farming interests is simply incalculable. The scene of desolation between Quincy and Hannibal is simply pitiable.

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OPINION

This Tobacco Talk Is Morbid Nonsense

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — When the U.S. surgeon general reported this week that nicotine is as addictive as heroin or cocaine, the tobacco industry's response was given by Brennan Moran, assistant to the president of the Tobacco Institute.

Claims that cigarettes are addictive contradict common sense," Ms. Moran maintained. "Smoking is truly a personal choice that can be stopped if and when a person decides to do so."

Dr. Koop asked, for example, why cigarettes are allowed to be sold in vending machines, which children can easily use. He asked why laws against sale of tobacco to minors should not be strictly enforced.

I do not know Ms. Moran, but she must be an intelligent person to have such a job. I suspect she would laugh at anyone who insisted that the world was flat. Yet with every sign of seriousness she utters morbid nonsense.

Under common sense, Ms. Moran? Have you really never had a friend who suffered the agonizing physical symptoms of withdrawal from smoking? Do you not know people so hooked that their earnest efforts to quit have failed?

Dr. C. Everett Koop, the surgeon general, was only spelling out in scientific terms what practically everyone has observed about cigarette smoking. Users become dependent on the habit, and cessation can be extremely difficult.

Taiwan: A Matter of Pace
An otherwise excellent report about Taiwan ("After 40 Strict Years, a World of Change Sweeps Taiwan," May 5) contains an inaccuracy. It states that members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party disagreed at a recent party convention "over whether to embrace the cause of Taiwanese independence."

Old mainlanders elected in China in 1947. In the National Assembly, which elects the president, only 6 percent of the members are elected directly.

No Excuse for Suppression
Regarding "Debate Flares in U.K. Over IRA Gibraltar Killings" (April 30): The British government's main complaint about the broadcasting of a program on the killings of three IRA suspects in Gibraltar is that it will somehow prevent an impartial inquest into the matter.

Where is His Proof?
In "Pretoria Belongs on Washington's Terrorism List" (May 2), Michael Maren proposes that South Africa be lumped together with Libya, Iran, Cuba, South Yemen and Syria because of recent attacks on members of the African National Congress in Maputo, Mozambique, in Maseru, Lesotho, and in Paris.

No, Tobacco Doesn't Compare With Hard Drugs
In response to "Report Calls Cigarettes Addictive, Like Drugs" (May 17): The U.S. surgeon general's report comparing tobacco with hard drugs is lacking in both scientific objectivity and common sense.

Other Wars, Other Agonies
Regarding "They Die in Private Wars, Their Agonies Unwitnessed" (Opinion, April 27) by A. M. Rosenholz: I agree with the writer that the Iranian war and the Afghanistan war, among others, receive too little attention.



In Bogota, Duet With Gun: Jamming With the Uzi Man

By Larry McMurtry

BOGOTA — The fun began on the flight from Ecuador, when I was sandwiched between two friendly men whose manner had a seasoned quality.

MEANWHILE
In these simulated traffic jams, the kidnappers can walk from car to car and take their pick, like shoppers in a market.

When one is sandwiched helplessly between a stalled school bus and a honking garbage truck, one's eye soon picks up subtle details, such as that the garbage truck is not bothering to pick up the abundant selection of garbage on the sidewalks.

My personal Uzi man was small and quick. Like my driver (also small and quick) he wore the anxious look of one whose duty it was to get blasted first.

On the way in from the airport, my attention was directed to a list of security instructions. The heading I liked best was "It's a sin to be surprised." One was advised to vary one's routes and patterns.

One pattern I did not bother to vary was the pattern of barricading my door at night with my room-service cart. The hotel might indeed be owned by the Colombian military, as I was told, but that didn't keep most of the patrons from darning from their rooms like mice, hoping to make it to the elevators without being nabbed.

Gunshots popped several times during my first night; when I inquired about them the next day, I was assured that what I had heard was only meaningless gunfire, gunfire empty of any political content.

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Writing the Past Russia
Hard Reeves
"History student ones having trouble and perestroika," said rkanov, deputy editor in Tula, south of Moscow. "They seem to be together to give the history or what the teachers are really happened."

1988: Spanish Problem
The Spanish problem is a complex one, involving political, economic, and social factors. It is a challenge for the international community to find a peaceful and just solution.



SUPER NOODLE — Ronald van Bussel of the Netherlands operating a pasta machine Thursday to produce the world's longest noodle, which measured 143.2 meters long. The previous record was a mere 108 meters. The noodle used 50 kilos of flour, and was produced during a Brussels street festival to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the European Community.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

British Broadcasters Fear Encroachment of Censorship

The British government has set up a committee to monitor sex and violence in broadcasting. Home Secretary Douglas Hurd announced this week. The chairman of the new Broadcasting Standards Council will be Sir William Rees-Mogg, 59, a former deputy chairman of the British Broadcasting Corp. and ex-editor of The Times. Both broadcasters and opposition Labor members of Parliament have protested that the move is an attempt at censorship.

Slot Machines in France? Some Hurdles Still Remain

One of the last acts in office of Interior Minister Charles Pasqua before France's conservative government resigned last week was to authorize five foreign companies to bring slot machines into the country, ending a ban on slot machines that began in 1937. But the actual installment of slot machines in French casinos will still need the signature of Pierre Joxe, the new Socialist interior minister. A decree allowing slot machines in casinos was passed in 1986. The Socialists had voted against it.

Employee Under New Directive Proposed by the European Community Commission

Laws against sex discrimination exist in all 12 member states, but the commission said women had great difficulty in finding concrete evidence, such as pay slips, showing they were being paid less than men doing the same work or work of equal value. The alleged victim would have to give "simple" proof of discrimination, whereas the employer would have to prove there was no "active" discrimination. The proposed directive must be approved by all member countries.

Bonn's Chief Of Economy Is Resigning To Join EC

By Susan F. Rasky
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate majority leader and senior members of key Senate committees introduced legislation on Thursday to overhaul the War Powers Act, a 1973 law originally intended to give Congress a greater policy voice when U.S. troops are introduced into hostile situations short of all-out war.

Senators Offer Legislation To Overhaul War Powers Act

The group would also have formal authority to invoke the War Powers Act in the event the president does not, and any legislation it proposed would be considered by Congress under special expedited procedures.

"No president has ever effectively consulted on a regular basis with the Congress," said Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the majority leader. "Instead, the Congress has almost always been treated to after-the-fact consultation, which is no consultation at all."

A second major change would permit U.S. troops to remain in hostile situations unless a majority of Congress voted specifically to recall them. Under the law now, troops must be withdrawn automatically in 90 days unless Congress votes otherwise.

The proposed revisions unveiled Thursday would establish a special consultative body of 18 congressional leaders and key committee chairmen to meet with the president before decisions on committing U.S. troops to situations where hostilities are imminent or probable. The consultative body would then come up with legislation authorizing or ending U.S. involvement.

BUSH: For Vice President, Falling in Poll, the Advice Is Flowing Freely

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jobs is the No. 1 concern people have, and yet we don't seem to get credit for the good things we have done." Representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa, said: "If you look at the overriding issues of our times, you have a powerful set of circumstances in which to run a semi-incumbent campaign. The challenge for Bush is to get the debate centered on those big issues."

Requirement to come up with more specifics.

More conservative Republicans had other prescriptions for the Bush campaign. "He needs to convince America first and foremost that Michael Dukakis cannot be trusted to defend our national security," said Representative Vin Weber, Republican of Minnesota. "The national security issue more than any other has brought us the working-class voters. And right now, Dukakis has them going home."

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Lawyers to Meet in Moscow At International Conference

By Warren Getler
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — In the first such meeting of its kind to be held in the Soviet Union, Moscow will be the host June 6-7 of an international conference to be attended by 300 lawyers, including some from Israel, South Africa and South Korea, and 300 Soviet counterparts.

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CHINA: Rising Trade Helps Old Foes Forge New Ties

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develop a large port complex in the southwest. To some extent, experts in the region say, South Korea and Taiwan are competing with one another to develop the Chinese market and to benefit from cheap imports of Chinese industrial goods and raw materials.

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SOVIET: U.S. Shift Called Aid to Strategic Arms Pact

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ment on strategic weapons would not be reached at the summit, the general said that Moscow would continue to negotiate in hopes of reaching an accord that could be signed before the end of President Reagan's term, in January. "The train has long since been gone," he said of the push for an agreement in time for the summit meeting. "The problem now is to establish ourselves so we do not go back from the points we have already reached."

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TRAVELER'S CHOICE

Festival in Nîmes

The southern French city of Nîmes boasts the most popular feria north of the Pyrenees, and this year's 10-day festival, ending May 23, is expected to attract one million visitors. As usual, the bullfights in the city's 20,000-seat Roman amphitheater hold center stage, featuring leading toreros from Spain as well as local talents. Displays of horsemanship by trident-bearing "guardians" of the local color. The city's streets offer music from around the world virtually nonstop, including some of the best known practitioners of flamenco, reggae, jazz and rock.

William Tell Express

A new voyage through central Switzerland aboard the William Tell Express takes travelers by boat across Lake Lucerne and by train to the Ticino canton, with either Lugano or Locarno as southern terminus, linking two of the country's most scenic regions. The trip across Lake Lucerne, by paddle steamer, sails past the Schiller Stone, the William Tell Chapel and other historic sites. The voyage between Flüelen and Lugano or Locarno is in first-class rail cars, with the possibility of traveling aboard special observation cars. The five-hour trip can be made daily, in either direction, from May 29 to Oct. 23. The cost is 114 Swiss francs one way (about \$80) or 165 francs round trip. Information: Swiss Tourist offices, Swiss train stations or the Compagnie de Navigation sur le Lac des Quatre-Cantons SGV, Lucerne, tel. 404.540.

Summer Festivals of Arts and Music

The Montreux International Jazz Festival begins July 1 with a week of Brazilian, blues and rock music. Then, jazz follows until July 17. Some of the performers at this year's festival will be George Benson, Dave Brubeck, Miles Davis, Wynton Marsalis and James Taylor. . . . The first National Black Arts Festival to be held in Atlanta will explore contributions of blacks to the arts with 70 events between July 30 and Aug. 7. These will include the premiere of "Sally," a play by Charles Fuller about relations between blacks and whites during the Civil War, and "An Evening at the Savoy Ballroom," featuring the Count Basie Band. Also in the festival are 17 art exhibitions, 7 dance recitals and 10 concerts. . . . The American Dance Festival, which begins in Durham, North Carolina, June 13 and runs through July 23, will feature a two-week celebration of black American modern dance. In that segment will be performances by various ensembles and panel discussions, demonstrations and seminars on black dance by choreographers, scholars, critics and historians. Also performing at the festival will be Filobolus and the dance companies of Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane, Paul Taylor and Erick Hawkins.

On the Montmartre Track

Taking on the hilly Montmartre district in Paris can be daunting to an already footsore tourist. A miniature train now takes visitors up the steep streets on a 40-minute tour. The trip on Le Petit Train de Montmartre takes in such spots as the Moulin de la Galette, the Lapin Agile cabaret and Place Pigalle. As the old-fashioned engine pulls three white cars, 72 passengers listen to commentary in French and English. Passengers can board at either Place Blanche (Le Moulin Rouge) or Place du Tertre (Eglise Saint-Pierre). Riders get a leaflet describing the history of Montmartre and giving a list of restaurants, museums and some shops in the area. Tickets are the equivalent of about \$3.50, half price for children. The train runs through October, opening again during the Christmas holiday and closing until March.

A Salute to Specialized Ships

An exhibition of specialized ships will honor Bremerhaven, West Germany's great shipbuilding port, July 20-24. The ships range from coal-powered steamers, barges and firefighting craft, submarines, minesweepers, ferries, patrol boats and research ship with the latest electronic gear. Land, sea and air shows will accompany the festival.

by Warren Getler

LUANGWA VALLEY, Zambia — Excitement and fear were in the air as we moved through the elephant grass. Ahead was a herd of buffalo, as yet unseen, but all the signs were that it was a big herd, perhaps 500 to 1,000. The South Luangwa National Park, known for its walking safaris, was about to deliver on its promise of adventure.

A series of low bellows and grunts sounded from beyond a nearby hill, and suddenly the reality of being on foot — with one armed guard between us and an edgy herd of buffalo — came home. The lead male, horns pointing our way, stared through a thicket of shrubs for what seemed an eternity. He was 20 meters away, all 800 kilos of him.

David Foot, our 25-year-old guide, told us to hush as he tested the wind's direction with dust. "It's all right. We're downwind." Harry Banda, 56, our African armed guard, held his World War I-vintage rifle at the ready, knowing that his four bullets would not be of much use.

The buffalo, seemingly unperurbed by our presence, moved on to the next hill. We followed. Then the buffalo took fright and began to stampede up the next ridge.

"Poachers!" Foot said with alarm, motioning for us to get down. We had been warned that poachers, if discovered, might open fire on anybody who happened upon their illegal activities. Zambia has been struggling to enforce anti-poaching laws in its big national parks, but the problem persists.

The two poachers, one carrying a high-powered rifle, had not seen us. We watched through binoculars as they chased after the herd, which had disappeared over the hill. The poachers were after food. Had it been an elephant herd, they would have been gunning for ivory and profit.

Two shots rang out from beyond the hill. After waiting to see what would happen, we moved slowly in the direction of the shots, and finding nothing, left.

That was the last we saw of poachers on our two-week safari in the game park. The sad truth about the region, which has one of the richest concentrations of wildlife in the world, is that it is now virtually bereft of the once plentiful black rhinoceros, the prime target of poachers seeking to capitalize on the demand for rhino horn. In the early 1970s, there were an estimated 20,000 rhino in the valley; today there may be no more than 20 or 30 in all of Zambia.

Our four subsequent half-day bush walks were filled with flashes of color, potent scents, mellifluous and dissonant hoots and calls, and absent of the intrusions of man. A herd of 14 Thornicroft giraffe lined up like an honor guard along the banks of the meandering Luangwa River; scores of wallowing hippopotomuses striking up like a chorus of trombones; a phalanx of adult



The Luangwa River, above, flows 400 miles south into the Zambezi River. Right, a Thornicroft giraffe and elephants in the national park.



elephants formed to protect a 6-month-old toddler.

The valley, part of the Great East African African Rift, is nourished by the Luangwa River, which flows 400 miles southward in zig-zags into the bigger Zambezi River.

The Luangwa boasts one of the highest concentrations of elephants in the world, with more than 35,000 adults believed to inhabit the valley, but sharply down from more than 110,000 in 1973, again the result of heavy poaching in the late 1970s and early '80s. Encountering the valley's elephants and other massive and yet graceful beasts without the protective shield of a Land-Rover is exhilarating.

The beauty of the Luangwa is that it offers close encounters with a huge assortment of animals and birds in a virtually unspoiled environment. The valley is sparsely populated and there are far fewer tourists than in Kenya and Tanzania.

The expert guides who take you into the thick of it are fully versed in the behavioral patterns of the native fauna and make every effort to explain what you see.

The dean of those guides is Norman Carr, 76, a former big-game hunter turned venerable naturalist

and conservationist. We stayed at his lodge, Kapani, which abuts a lush lagoon filled with crocodiles and hippos.

Carr knows the South Luangwa National Park, a vast expanse in northeastern Zambia of 9,000 square kilometers (almost 3,500 square miles), inside and out. On a veranda overlooking the lagoon, he gives his guests a talk about the region's ecology and ongoing conservation efforts, involving aid from the World Wildlife Fund and Scandinavian governments.

The valley has been Carr's home for nearly 50 years and he has written three books about its wildlife, including one about the two lions, Big Boy and Little Boy, which he raised as orphaned cubs and later freed. Fluent in the local Chinyanja dialect, the soft-spoken Carr is highly respected by the locals and is a welcome guest in their villages.

Our first outing with Carr, an afternoon drive (he says he is too "over the hill" to take guests on walks these days), revealed his knowledge of the animals that have

surrounded him for five decades. While watching a herd of grazing Burchell's zebras and a family of warthogs under the dimming light of pastel-colored skies, we heard a bizarre, high-pitched call.

"That's a pack of wild dogs calling to another. Let's go find them," he said, and we drove off in an open-backed four-wheel-drive van. Within 10 minutes we found a pack of nine wild dogs. "There's one missing from this pack, there used

to be 10," said Carr. These are fearsome beasts when hungry, capable of ripping their prey to bits. The size of a German shepherd, the dogs are distinguished by calico markings, spindly legs and protruding ears. Nocturnal life is also on the move. With the aid of a spotlight, we caught sight of catlike civets and genets, as well as mongooses

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ategic Arms Pact

Why have proposals that the are not been passed? U.S. negotiators assert there is no need for a comprehensive pact. The Soviet Union, however, insists on a comprehensive agreement. The pact would limit the number of strategic nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. It would also require the destruction of a certain number of weapons. The pact is seen as a major step toward reducing the nuclear arms race.

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N.Y. Restaurant, French Flair

NEW YORK — Every now and then I walk into a restaurant, and even before the door closes behind me I know I'm going to have a good time. This is the way I felt recently when I entered Bouley, the 9-month-old Manhattan restaurant owned by 34-year-old David Bouley. There was an instant, visually



At Bouley's, a visually perceptive sense of caring and attention to detail.

perceptive sense of caring and attention to detail, qualities rarely found outside of a handful of France's finest restaurants. It was the minute particulars that drew me in: the gently arched wooden doors, set with gleaming beveled glass; little sprays of fresh flowers, arranged on an antique wooden side table in a long, gently lit corridor; the quiet,

professional welcome; the art, with colors that rushed with the beat and vibrance of Provence; the beautiful vaulted ceiling of the dining room, which made me feel as though I was discovering a little family restaurant in the French countryside. Even the tiled walls in the ladies' room — vivid green grouted with a green a touch paler.

I thought, if this chef cares as much about his food and customers as he does about details such as grouting, I'm going to have a very good time. And I did. Not just because

PATRICIA WELLS
Bouley pays attention to detail, but because he is a young American chef grounded in reality.

Like many of the better chefs in America today, Bouley has solid training in France, and realizes that no matter what else he does in life he is going to be better off for it. Bouley's story is an endearing one. In 1976, after working in restaurants around the United States, he went to Paris to study at the Sorbonne. He stayed, spent time in the kitchens of small Paris bistros, then worked his way through the ranks of the best restaurants in France and Switzerland, absorbing the best of each chef. He learned the most, he says now, in the kitchens of Joel Robuchon in Paris and under Fredy Girardet in Crissier, near Lausanne, in Switzerland.

"Watching Robuchon, I became aware of the chemistry of cooking, how to balance a sauce to the elements on a plate, how one flavor supports another, so that in eating a dish, one has a complete experience. From Girardet, I learned the keys to simplicity. In all, the French experience taught me how to create dishes that build with subtle flavors, amounting to a greater pleasure."

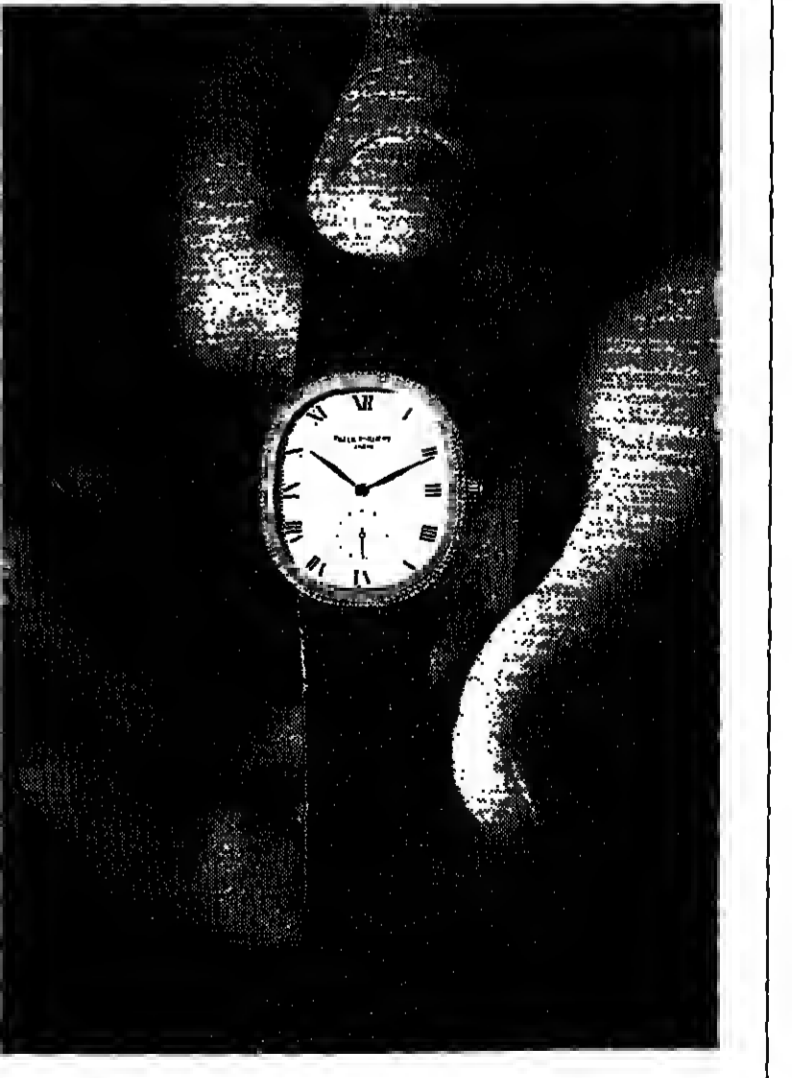
Coming home, he went to work at as chef at New York's Montrachet in 1983, always dreaming of running his own establishment. It was the building of his own restaurant, though, that really forced him to draw upon his past. Thanks to a healthy dose of good old-fashioned American sense of "can do" and to the time he had spent in classically organized French kitchens, he managed to pull it off.

First there was the decor. Having spent time in the village of Salernes, near Draguignan in the south of France, he made friends

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Who Still Flies in First Class? The High Cost of the Ego Trip

by Roger Collis

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Many airlines offer a raft of inducements, such as free limos and helicopter transfers, advance seat reservations, separate check-in...

offer first class on short-haul flights. TAP Air Portugal has dropped first class on the Atlantic...

All of which makes the front cabin even more exclusive. Most business class passengers are refugees from economy...

With us it's a function of rank and distance, says Douglas Sulley, a vice president at Black & Decker...

In a motivation research study last year, British Airways identified two types of first class traveler: "strivers," who like to feel they have earned the right to enjoy the luxury of first class...

A Preacher's Curse on Colonial Bath

by Rick Mashburn

BATH, North Carolina — In the middle of the 18th century, while traveling and preaching in the "ungospelized wilds" of North Carolina...

Something stunted the growth of Bath, to be sure. Its boundaries have not altered substantially since 1705, when it became North Carolina's first official town...

Whitefield's curse sent Bath into eternal slumber, what spells were cast upon its earliest neighbors, the equally historic port towns of Edenton, New Bern and Beaufort?

On certain days Edenton can appear to be only a memory. The last time I visited the town the sun was shining through an unusual mid-afternoon fog...



The First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, built in 1812.

lively stories of its rebellious residents, but it takes only a few of those tales to conjure the spirits of the town.

Edenton was home to some of the colony's most fervent Whigs. On Oct. 25, 1774, 10 months after the Boston Tea Party...

and is surrounded by a large garden designed from early plans. From its earliest days Edenton was the center of government in the region...

Corbin displayed his wealth in the Cupola House. He must have been satisfied with the distinctive Jacobean exterior, with its octagonal cupola, high gables and overhanging second story...

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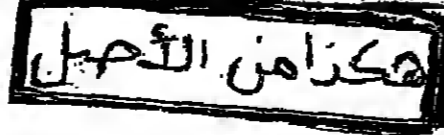
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New York Restaurant

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with carpenters and tilemakers who later created the bright tiles that grace the lower level rooms, and gathered the antique walnut doors that decorate the halls of restaurant Bouley.

When the construction of the intricately designed ceiling lagged, the entire kitchen staff exchanged their white toques for painters' caps and set about finishing the restaurant.

red pepper, basil and garlic, all topped with a layer of roasted red peppers and sauced with a warm vinaigrette infused with the flavor of fresh, flat-leaf parsley.

working to create a network of farmers throughout the East Coast, who will grow produce especially for him.

Indeed, the staff has an investment here, and it shows. Bouley's food is neither thoroughly French nor forcefully American.

His signature eggplant terrine is a very complicated, subtle, but vibrantly flavored dish that includes more than 20 super-thin layers of complexly flavored ingredients...

Zambia

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and porcupines. Once we followed a solitary male lion for more than 15 minutes as he duly marked his territory.

What is striking about the Luangwa Valley is its stark, seasonal transformation from lush fertility during the rainy season to a barren hostility in the dry season.

Bird watching from April to June is also at its best. Abundant water holes and the swollen river attract more than 350 species, including the vibrant carmine bee-eaters, the kingfishers, fish eagles, woolly-necked storks, crowned cranes, and lilac-breasted rollers.

Game viewing is more intense in the dry season, July through October. Then, the river is low and many of the lagoons are all but dried up, forcing animals to congregate at river's edge.

Table listing various luxury hotels in Monaco and surrounding areas, including Antibes, Beaulieu, Cannes, and Monte-Carlo.

TRAVEL

When Commoners Can Visit Royal Retreat of Balmoral

by Joy Billington

BALLATER, Scotland — The Scottish brogue of Mr. Hudson, the butler in "Upstairs, Downstairs," can be heard on British television these days advertising a time-sharing operation near Balmoral Castle.

Whether Gordon Jackson's dulcet tones will persuade many people to commit themselves to the unreliable weather of Scottish vacations remains to be seen.

Deeside emerges from the mists each spring when the tourists start arriving to view the Balmoral Castle grounds.

each fall, when the royals and the tourists disappear. If Queen Victoria's ghost haunts her "bappy valley" — surely draped in tartan and accompanied by a court of gruff gamekeepers, Highland ponies and hunting dogs as painted by Edwin Landseer — it must gaze down at her holiday castle, all turreted and romantic as in the mellow, yellow Victorian summers, and be well pleased.

For the visitor who wants to see something of Balmoral itself — closer than the view from the Ballater-Braemar road — the months to choose are May, June or July, when the grounds are open.

The castle itself comes alive in late July after the tourists have been shut out of the grounds and preparations begin for the queen's arrival. She stays through September. For the rest of the year Balmoral is virtually closed.

After paying admission at the gate (the equivalent of \$2.20), visitors wander up the fir-planted driveway to view the outside of the building. It is dominated by the squat, bartlemated tower with its three turrets and clock, from which the queen's flag, the Royal Standard, flies when she is in residence. The castle is built of pale grey granite, which was quarried locally, and if to its first royal owners it was a dear "little" castle, to con-

temporary eyes it looks gigantic. Visitors can buy a guidebook and compare Albert's castle with the one he knocked down. (The original Balmoral proved too small for his growing family and it was demolished.)

There are the gardens, dog memorials, and the statue of the gamekeeper John Brown, who is said to have so firmly kept the widowed Victoria under his thumb that her son Edward VII had his likeness banished from the front door to the woods after his mother's death. The statue is said to be particularly lifelike at dusk.

IN the 56-foot-long (17-meter) ballroom, the only part of the castle open to the public, antlered stag's heads adorn the cream walls under the crossbeamed wooden ceiling. Ornate silver from Queen Victoria's table gleams in glass cases. Sun floods through the tall, Gothic windows casting a glow on the Landseers depicting scenes from Victorian holidays. In these Victoria is perched sidesaddle on broad-backed Highland ponies.

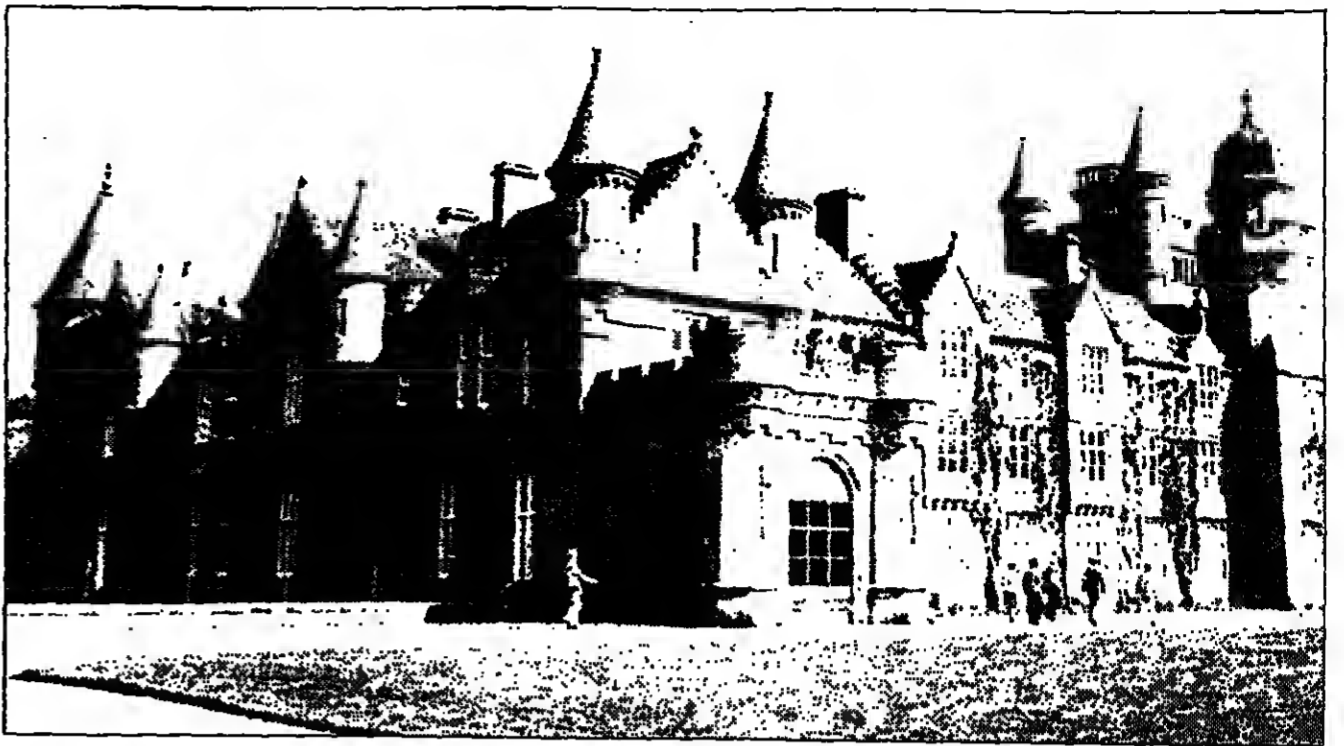
It is easy to imagine the ballroom at the end of each summer when the queen holds a Ghillies' Ball there for the estate staff — gamekeepers, gardeners and household staff — swirling with kilts.

For three months of the year the queen's holiday hideaway goes commercial, just like other British stately homes. The difference is that the income goes to local charities, rather than to maintenance. There are signs for the visitors, pointing this way and that. The gift shop sells dish towels decorated with corgis eating out of so-called Balmoral bowls, ashtrays, jams and plates, all liberally endowed with the Balmoral name. There is a tea shop.

Deeside offers other diversions: hill walking; salmon fishing (George and Alexander Smith's sporting goods shop in Ballater can arrange this, though it can cost from \$700 to \$2,900 per rod a week); and grouse or stag shooting (again expensive — a proper arrangement with beaters can cost as much as \$5,000 a gun week). For her beaters, the queen uses the 100 soldiers of the Scottish regiment chosen to guard her each summer. Then there's golf, gliding, or the whisky trail that includes two local distilleries.

VICTORIA'S ghost might be shocked to see the tourists at May, June and July paying admission at the gate. She might not be amused to see the large parking lot at the main entrance and the tourist buses squeezing over Prince Albert's Bridge across the Deeside, right up to the wrought-iron, crested gates. She might be surprised to see the main street of Ballater, eight miles away, lined with hotel and guesthouse signs, and puzzled by the tight security her royal descendants must endure. But surely Victoria would be pleased to observe that her great-granddaughter Elizabeth and her family enjoy Balmoral almost as much as she did, and that many traditions she began continue all these years later.

Victoria and Prince Albert fell in love with Scotland in 1842, not long after their marriage. In 1845 they leased (and later bought) Balmoral — sight unseen. Victoria wrote in her diary the night they took possession that it was "a pretty little castle," surrounded by



The castle, designed by Prince Albert.

wooded hills, which reminded them of Thuringia, Prince Albert's German homeland.

"You can walk forever," the young queen wrote to her uncle, King Leopold of the Belgians, "and then the wildness, the solitariness of everything is so delightful, so refreshing, the people so good and so simple."

Even though the stiff protocol of court life in the south had been left behind, state business had to go on, and officials accommodated, to say nothing of Albert's German relatives and foreign royals. So with the buildings of his youth in mind, Albert happily designed a new castle, today's Balmoral.

In late July local women and others from Edinburgh arrive to act as housemaids and make ready for the royal visit. They are often regulars at the job, according to the late royal valet, Stephen Barry, who wrote in "Royal Secrets" that their "10 weeks of working for royalty is the treat of the year."

At the Ghillies' Ball, when the household and estate staff gather in the ballroom with the royals, he said, Prince Philip and Prince Charles try to dance with as many of the women as possible.

Senior household staff — chefs and footmen — travel north from Buckingham Palace with silver and china, usually by train from London to Aberdeen, and by car the 42 miles from there. The royals and their maids and valets cruise to Scotland aboard the royal yacht Britannia, an annual sail through Scotland's Western Isles, around John o'Groats to Aberdeen.

The prime minister traditionally comes for one weekend. Some members of the family may depart periodically to travel south, or even abroad, on personal or official engagements, and the queen has engagements in Scotland that put her on duty during the period. But the queen's vacation days are mostly quiet ones.

In the mornings she will deal with state papers. At lunchtime she will load the corgis into the Land-Rover and drive herself out to join Prince Philip and the other "guns" in the hills for picnics in the heather or in the various butts and shelters that dot the 50,000-acre estate. Afternoons, the queen may visit

her 87-year-old mother at Birkhall, which is on the estate. Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales also have a home there. The Duke and Duchess of York will probably spend some time as guests at the castle. Dinner is at 8:15 P.M. sharp, sometimes served on Queen Victoria's thistle-decorated plates, or as a barbecue outside on one of those glowingly long Scottish evenings. Evenings usually end with a movie.

WITHOUT the royal family, the town of Ballater would be just another small Highland community of about 1,000 inhabitants situated in a beauty spot. The royal coat of arms adorns almost all the local shops — earned after three years' service to members of the family.

The Queen Mother, who is a Scot, also stays at Birkhall for two weeks in May. She keeps up with all the local news.

Through August and September, the local baker, Kenneth Murdoch, bakes dainty butties (morning rolls) for the queen and her guests. The rolls are usually makes are too big for royal tastes. "I don't think she'd want to bite into a roll that size," he said, pointing to the regular rolls in the store. "I remember once for the Ghillies' Ball we made finger rolls an inch thick. The royal chef wouldn't use them. They had to be half an inch thick."

Few shopkeepers will answer tourists' questions about where they can catch a glimpse of a royal, and the royals rarely shop in Ballater. A tourist might bang around the High Street all week without a sighting. Local hoteliers may warn their guests when a royal entourage is expected to pass. But there are few surefire vantage points, except at Craich Church where the queen and her family regularly attend the 11:30 A.M. Presbyterian (Church of Scotland) service.

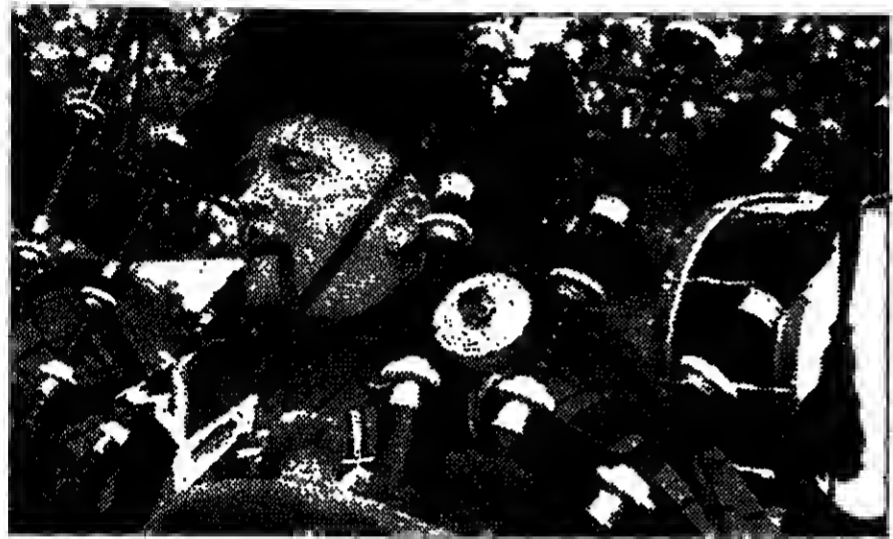
Another event that guarantees the presence of royalty is the Braemar Gathering on the first Saturday of September. Braemar is about 16 miles along the Dees Valley from Ballater, and each year it holds its Highland Games. Usually Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales are there, sitting in their beaucher-and-berry-decorated pavilion, watching the



Shot-putting at the Games.

brawniest of caber tossers — a caber is a long heavy pole that is thrown to test strength — the pipe bands with their swinging kilts, and dancers doing the Highland fling.

Joy Billington, an American writer who lives in Scotland and London, wrote this for The New York Times.



Pipers at the Highland Games.

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interior can be seen in the sedately paneled meeting room on the second floor, which in colonial times was used for halls and other festivities — in addition to Whig meetings.

Even St. Paul's Church illustrates the complexity of the town's associations with Britain. The church's rector, the Rev. Daniel Earle, retained his allegiance to the Church of England even when he was presiding over large gatherings at which he personally denounced British taxes and trade laws. Consequently, he was not allowed to hold services in the church during the revolution. Independence had a devastating effect on St. Paul's. Though it had only been completed in 1760, the brick structure fell into great disrepair and by the end of the century needed extensive restoration.

Today St. Paul's is well tended by a congregation with a history dating to 1701. Despite its boxy structure and heavy, square bell tower, the church sits gracefully in its spacious parklike surroundings. Under crepe myrtles, dogwoods and cedars are buried several revolutionary patriots, as well as three colonial governors. Among the latter is Charles Eden, for whom the town was renamed in 1722.

Even before the revolution was won, Edenton had begun to lose its prominence as a port and a center of political leadership. Today the courthouse square is a quiet, shady lawn, and the waterfront is a peaceful spot for watching the sunset over the bay.

Beaufort, with more direct access to the sea, has a more thoroughly nautical history. It was not only a center for shipping and fishing, but also home to whalers and had the colony's only shipbuilding industry. Beaufort's white houses, with their two-story porches and distinctive rooflines, were influenced by the architecture of the West Indies.

Though surrounded today by modern shipping facilities and undistinguished commercial development, the heart of Beaufort has changed little since it was laid out in 1713 by the deputy surveyor of North Carolina.

Nowhere in Beaufort is the town's history more palpable than in the Old Burial Ground, where a jumble of ancient graves lie in a thick grove of gnarled live oaks. Though the earliest date on a marker is 1756, the sandy graves are thought to include victims of the war with the Tuscarora Indians, which lasted from 1711 to 1715 and decimated the population of the region.

As Beaufort has retained the spirit of a sailing village, New Bern has grown into a small city. Multistory hotels, art galleries and full-fledged shopping malls are a few of the signs that New Bern has become by far the most urban of North Carolina's first towns.

New Bern was different from the beginning. Bath, Beaufort and Edenton were settled primarily by Virginians who moved south. New Bern was first populated by 400

immigrants from Switzerland and Germany. Protestant refugees from war and religious persecution. The group was led by Baron Christoph von Graffenried, who named the town after Bern.

New Bern was laid out in 1710 by John Lawson, who also helped found Bath. "Since in America they do not like to live crowded," Lawson explained, he gave New Bern the wide streets and large lots that characterize it today. The town was all but destroyed during the Tuscarora War but was flourishing again by midcentury.

Governor Tryon made New Bern the capital of the colony in 1765, and work on his official residence began two years later. Today the reconstructed Tryon Palace is the chief reminder of New Bern's importance in the years before the revolution.

The town's most dazzling revolutionary figure, John Wright Stanley, outfitted as many as 14 privateering vessels in New Bern and Philadelphia. His private navy took numerous British prizes before his entire fleet was captured by the British in the Caribbean. Though Stanley lost his ships, his wartime profits were sufficient to build a lavish Georgian house just as the war ended. Open to the public, the frame house features pedimented windows and corner quoins, and the richly carved interior woodwork has been declared the finest of its period in North Carolina.

The years immediately following the revolution brought great prosperity to New Bern. Its population doubled between 1780 and 1800, when the town became the state's largest. As a result, New Bern's colonial houses are outnumbered by its excellent examples of Federal architecture.

The best examples of Federal architecture have designs similar to the row houses found in port cities from Boston to Savannah. In New Bern, however, these houses are free-standing, with windows on the sides. One such house, built by John Stevenson about 1805, is part of the Tryon Palace Restoration Complex.

Another of New Bern's important Federal buildings is the 1812 First Presbyterian Church, a white frame structure with an Ionic portico and a five-level tower. The church was used as a military hospital when the town was occupied by Union troops through much of the Civil War; the occupation of New Bern is generally considered to have saved the town's early architecture from destruction.

Despite its growth through the 18th century, New Bern never fulfilled its promise of becoming a major port city. Eventually the town would do so. Bath, Edenton and Beaufort had already done so. It would give up the dream of growing into another Charleston, Richmond or Baltimore.

The craft has been preserved by generations of Nantucketers so that today these baskets are internationally recognized for their beauty and durability (a Nantucket lightship basket is purported to be capable of

Fashionable Weaving on Nantucket Island

by Lewis Burke Frumkes

NANTUCKET ISLAND, Massachusetts — Of course you've seen them, hanging casually from the arms of fashionable and stylish women. To most people in the United States these curious little rattan handbags with woven covers and swinging handles are known as Nantucket baskets, but to people on Nantucket they are known as lightship baskets.

So popular and recognizable are these creations that to own one is not unlike belonging to an exclusive club or secret society. It is said that a woman once traveling on the Paris subway noticed another woman carrying a bag similar to hers and, lifting her bag aloft, called out "Nantucket?" To which came the smiling response, "Oui, Nantucket."

Any proper search for the best lightship basket begins, then, naturally enough, on Nantucket, that graceful, green Massachusetts island, nesting in the Atlantic Ocean just south of Cape Cod. It is here on Nantucket Island that lightships (or lightboats as they were first called) originated, and for which the baskets are named.

Because the waters surrounding Nantucket are full of shifting sandbars and unpredictable currents often cloaked in deep and forbidding fogs, they have been a threat to sailors since the early 1800s.

As a consequence, in 1853 the United States Lighthouse Service announced that a lightship (a floating lighthouse with a foghorn that remains at its station regardless of the weather) would be moored at the shoals.

To pass time the crewmen took to crafting honey-colored carnyalls from cane to take to their wives and girlfriends back home. Usually these were 5.5-by-9.5-inch baskets (about 14 by 24 centimeters) with wrapped rawhide hinges.

The craft has been preserved by generations of Nantucketers so that today these baskets are internationally recognized for their beauty and durability (a Nantucket lightship basket is purported to be capable of

outlasting its owner). The baskets are signed and dated by the artists who craft them and an authentic Nantucket lightship basket may cost as much as \$1,200, and with carvings or scrimshaw up to \$3,000.

The Four Winds Crafts Guild on Straight Wharf, Tonkins on Main Street and the Spectrum represent some of the best basket makers on the island. The best of them are made by Paul Johnson and Donna Cifranic. Johnson, who is considered among the most

talented of the young new basket makers, studied with Jose Reyes, the developer of the modern lightship basket who died in 1980. Cifranic learned her craft from Johnson. Their baskets are tightly woven with even stitching and strong staves, and topped with magnificent carvings of scallop shells, or whales, in ivory or ebony, or scrimshaw on ivory or whalebone ovals.

To one side of the shop a man with long sandy hair is working with tools and pigment

on a whale's tooth. He is David Lazarus, one of the most respected scrimshanders on Nantucket. (A walrus tusk carved by Lazarus depicting the latest Pacific voyage of William F. Buckley Jr. decorates the endpapers of Buckley's book "Racing Through Paradise.")

Other first-rate scrimshanders on the island include Dorothy Viera, Bob Spring, who is known for scrimshawing ships, Michael Vienneau, who sometimes works near

with a shop on Center Street, also uses Viera's scrimshaw. Lee Papale is still another of the island's gifted young scrimshanders.

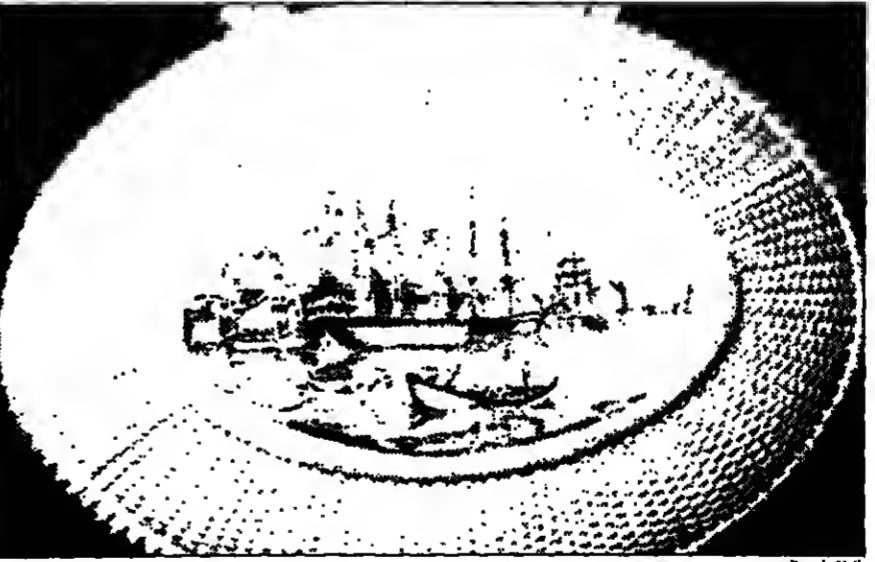
BASKETWORKS is hidden away on Dave Street, where Nap Plank and his partners Alan S.W. Reed and Suzanne Kiaris devote hours to perfecting light-weave baskets that take as much as 35 or 40 hours each to complete. Hanging from the ceiling of Basketworks at any given time are classic Reyes baskets that have been brought in for refurbishing. It says something about Basketworks that the owners of the Reyes baskets choose to take their baskets there for repair. Some of the Reyes baskets are 20, 30 or 40 years old, and are aging and toning gracefully like old meerschaum pipes.

But searching for the best lightship basket is also a form of discovery, and on North Liberty Street, where a little sign hangs out inviting travelers to see the owner's baskets, one encounters Charles Rogerson.

Rogerson doesn't make baskets full time, and because he works out of his home, and alone, his production is small. Like most of the others he only takes orders for delivery a year or two ahead.

The best-known carvers on the island are probably Nancy Chase, Johnson and Charles Sayle, who did the first carving on the first covered basket in 1948. They carve whales, scallop shells, seagulls and anything else you might wish out of ivory, ebony, or whalebone for use on the tops of the baskets. The tops themselves are handsome ovals made from polished woods, such as walnut, rosewood, ebony, or from ivory. The decoration is left up to the buyer. Some people prefer ivory tops, which are very expensive, and ivory clasps, and even little ivory feet. These garnishes are part of the allure of the lightship basket and what often bring the cost of the finished baskets into the thousands of dollars.

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A basket by Donna Cifranic with a carving by David Lazarus.

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WALL STREET WATCH

Media General Fight Has Industry Glued to Its Seat

By ALEX S. JONES
NEW YORK — Burt Sugarman's battle to take over Media General Inc. ...

Although Mr. Sugarman has made a \$70 a share offer for Media General, the company's 'A' shares have been trading far below that level.

The battle is seen as a test case for takeovers of similar communications companies.

Mr. Sugarman, whose Beverly Hills, California, companies produced 'The Dating Game' and 'The Newlywed Game,' offered \$61.50 for Media General's shares earlier this year and was spurned by the company.

The next round in the bitter contest is scheduled for Friday, when holders of Media General's publicly traded stock are scheduled to vote at an annual meeting on whether three positions on the nine-person board will be filled by directors nominated by management or by Mr. Sugarman and two of his allies.

BOTH SIDES have crisscrossed the country in recent weeks, waging a furious proxy battle aimed particularly at the institutional investors who control about 40 percent of the company's publicly traded class A shares.

But the Bryan family controls only about 15 percent of the publicly traded shares. Of the rest of the shares, 10 percent are owned by the employees' thrift plan, which will vote independently; 10 percent are held by people living in the Richmond area; 15 percent are owned by widely dispersed individual shareholders; and Mr. Sugarman controls just over 10 percent, according to Don Carter, president of the Carter Organization Inc., a proxy solicitor retained by Mr. Sugarman.

Should Mr. Sugarman win the proxy fight, he would technically be no closer to forcing the Bryan family to sell, something family members have repeatedly vowed not to do. But he would be in a position to scrutinize and harass management.

J. Stewart Bryan, 50, vice chairman of Media General, said late last week that the family was 'perfectly capable of maintaining the management of Media General with three dissenting members of the board, though we would prefer not to.'

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Managers In Bid for Amfac

Offer Is Valued At \$700 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HONOLULU — Managers of Amfac Inc., the San Francisco-based conglomerate that has major land holdings in Hawaii, have proposed a \$41-per-share buyout that values the company at an indicated \$704 million.

The offer, made at a special board meeting late Wednesday, would replace a previous plan to sell its assets in the continental United States and distribute the proceeds to shareholders.

Amfac shares rose sharply on news of the offer. At mid-afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange, the company's shares were trading at \$44.50, a \$3.50 premium to the offer price, indicating market sentiment that the bidding for Amfac would go higher.

Amfac, which has interests in food processing, hotels, retailing, agriculture and real estate, had 1987 revenue of \$2.2 billion.

But separately, Castle & Cooke Inc., the \$2 billion-a-year food, transportation equipment and real estate company that also has a major presence in Hawaii, said on Thursday it holds a 7.3 percent stake in Amfac and that it received clearance from U.S. antitrust regulators in January to increase its stake to 15 percent.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Castle & Cooke, which owns the Dole Food Company, said it regards Amfac stock as an attractive investment at the prices prevailing to date on the open market.

Castle & Cooke said it had raised the possibility of a business combination with Amfac in January. It said Amfac elected not to pursue the talks.

Castle & Cooke also said that it had no current plans to seek control of Amfac, but would not exclude the possibility of making such plans in the future.

Amfac, in a statement issued at a special directors meeting on Wednesday, said, 'The company stated that it has been advised that management has been discussing

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A Leaky Barrel of U.S. Trade Data

Awash in Paper, Customs Tries To Computerize

By Robert D. Hershey Jr.

BALTIMORE — In addition to his traditional work of foiling drug smugglers and collecting more than \$500 million of import duties each year, A. Robert Beikrich of the U.S. Customs Service has a new priority: helping to improve American trade statistics.

Mr. Beikrich is the director of the Baltimore district of the Customs Service. His job as head of one of 45 customs districts in the United States is not to turn the trade deficit into a surplus but to help streamline the huge data-collection process that produces the government's monthly trade report.

For many financial-market participants, the tabulation of U.S. imports and exports is the most eagerly awaited of the government's economic statistics.

Despite their importance, the figures have been much criticized as unreliable in depicting what is really happening to the nation's international trading account. But the people who compile the statistics insist they are well along in fixing them.

Spurred by an embarrassing backlog of late entries, which reached more than 50 percent in late 1985, the Customs Service, a unit of the U.S. Treasury, and the Commerce Department's Census Bureau are moving rapidly to reduce paperwork and bring the system into the computer age.

'We've got to get out of this malling of stuff — and get it online,' Mr. Beikrich said in an interview at his spacious office in the Custom House, a Baltimore landmark. 'Our goal down the road is paperless transactions.'

The trade figures, which have become so important to policy makers, the financial markets and political campaigners, are also being improved in other respects. Plans are under way to adjust the monthly data for inflation and currency movements, link them to production figures and to itemize exports by state of origin, among other things.

Next month, when the trade



A. Robert Beikrich, center, director of the U.S. Customs Service, with John T. Walsh, director of commercial operations, and Susan C. Maskell, an import control officer. The ultimate goal is "paperless transactions."

numbers for April are published, the bureau will adjust them for seasonal variations.

The immense data-gathering job begins at the nation's 300 customs ports — airports, seaports and border points ranging from New York to tiny Pembina, North Dakota — where merchandise officially enters and leaves the country.

In Baltimore, one of the eight districts of the Northeast, Mr. Beikrich and his staff of 145 people perform several tasks, paying by far the most attention to imports. One reason is that exports do not produce tariff revenue. Nonetheless, documents are filed for all exports, so they presumably are not significantly less reliable than those for imports.

Shipments are inspected for contraband and to ensure that

items are described and correctly categorized by customs brokers for determining tariffs. In the process, the Baltimore staff helps police the quotas that Washington has decreed for textiles, steel, sugar and various other goods.

'If it's a quota item, we have to put that into the computer immediately,' Mr. Beikrich said, so the authorities can prevent goods, which could be arriving in numerous ports, from exceeding an overall limit.

In practice, however, it is rare to refuse entry to a shipment because importers and their customs brokers monitor the constant openings and closings of the numerous quotas.

All of this provides a torrent of information that represents solid data for Census Bureau employ-

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Pound Climbs On Robust U.K. Economic Data

By Warren Getler

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Fresh evidence of a booming British economy, including declining unemployment and rising bank lending, powered a further rise in the pound on Thursday.

The British currency rose to \$1.8675 from \$1.8615 on Wednesday, and remained firm at around 3.1750 Deutsche marks. The pound was bolstered by market expectations that British interest rates would remain high to reduce inflationary pressures, which were evident in the latest batch of economic figures released Thursday.

Analysts cautioned that the bulge in lending from credit institutions for April would make it difficult for the British authorities to reduce interest rates further to brake the pound's rise. Lending climbed to an average \$8.2 billion (\$15.25 billion) from \$6.8 billion in March.

They said that the April figure, which exceeded the expected \$6.2 billion, largely represented companies' expansion plans, rather than increases in consumer credit.

On Tuesday, the Bank of England sanctioned a half-point cut in British banks' base lending rates to 7.5 percent in a move to curtail the pound's steady advance. It was the third half-point cut in two months.

Michael Hughes, an economist with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the London brokers, said: 'The British authorities have digested Thursday's data, now have to consider whether the buoyancy of the economy and the associated inflation threat is the dominant factor over currency stability.'

'If it is, then the recent policy of interest rate reduction will have to be reversed,' he said.

Although Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher allowed the rate cut, containing inflation remains her priority. She said this week's rate cut, which will help preserve the export competitiveness of British industry, was justified because the pound's sharp appreciation had already tightened monetary conditions.

But analysts said that finding the

proper balance between currency and price stability remained a problem. Patrick Foley, deputy chief economic advisor at Lloyds Bank PLC, summarized the government's dilemma.

'The money supply figures do show rapid credit growth,' he said, 'and this highlights the difficulty of the authorities' current position, where they are being forced to cut interest rates to prevent sterling rising.'

'Rapid domestic credit growth would call for higher interest rates rather than lower, and that's especially true when the economy is growing very rapidly,' he said.

Other figures released Thursday also showed that Britain's economy remains robust, despite the pound's dampening effect on exports:

Industrial production rose 1.2 percent in March, compared with a 2.1 percent fall in February. Manufacturing output alone rose 0.9 percent after a 2.5 percent decline.

Unemployment fell a provisional, seasonally adjusted 49,000 in April to 2.46 million people, or 8.3 percent of the work force, down from 9 percent in March. It was the lowest level since October 1981 and the 21st consecutive monthly drop.

Average year-on-year wage earnings rose 9.5 percent in March from 8.2 percent in February, although the basic increase was put at 8.5 percent, unchanged from the previous month.

'The narrowest measure of money supply, M-0, expanded at an average, seasonally adjusted 0.9 percent in April after 0.8 percent in March. This gauge measures cash in circulation plus bank reserves.

These figures taken together reflect the need for interest rates to remain relatively high, economists said, even though high rates have been increasing the investment demand for the British currency.

Brendan Brau, an economist with County NatWest Securities, said, 'Consumer spending is being fueled by cuts in interest rates, by the reduction in income tax, by the large growth of real wages as reflected in today's labor earnings, and, finally, by the rise in sterling itself which cuts the price of imported consumer durables.'

Bond Syndicate Weighs Opening to Non-Swiss

ZURICH — Major Swiss banks, in a sharp change of position, said Thursday they might soon allow affiliates of foreign banks to join a Swiss syndicate that controls the bulk of Switzerland's multi-billion dollar bond market.

Bond market sources said the major banks were examining applications from 10 subsidiaries of foreign banks that wanted to join the syndicate.

A vote to admit foreign banks to the group, which controls about 70 percent of the foreign bond issues denominated in Swiss francs, could come this summer.

The move comes at a time when Swiss companies are being assailed abroad for a protective stance that tends to freeze foreign companies out of the economy.

For example, overtures by the Swiss food giant Nestlé SA and Jacobs Suchard AG to acquire the British candy maker Rowntree PLC have raised protest because the Swiss companies' statutes practically preclude a foreign takeover.

The three Swiss banks — Union Bank of Switzerland, Swiss Bank Corp. and Credit Suisse — said Thursday in a joint statement that they had agreed in principle to allow foreign banks into the syndicate, provided Swiss banks were granted the same bond-issuing privileges in the applicants' domestic markets.

'Preconditions for the membership will be the existence of regulatory and de facto reciprocity toward Swiss institutions in the country of origin of the parent with respect to that country's bond markets,' the statement said.

'Formal requests for admission are at present being examined and will be submitted to the syndicate for a decision,' it said.

The sources declined to identify the applicants, but Deutsche Bank (Swiss) SA has been mentioned as a likely candidate. The syndicate sets its rules in August to allow the bank to lead an issue for its parent through the syndicate.

'There will not be dozens of new members,' a top official at one major bank said. 'We do not want to let hundreds in or there would be no point of having a syndicate. Reciprocity is very clearly what we want.'

Because Swiss banks can participate in bond issues in such countries as West Germany, the Netherlands and Britain, it seemed only fair to grant subsidiaries of banks based in those countries access to the Swiss syndicate, another source said.

Reciprocity by Japanese institutions remains a stumbling block, however, casting doubt on whether any Japanese banks will be allowed into the cartel.

U.S. Ruling on Fuel Economy Could Cost GM, Ford Millions

DETROIT — A federal appeals court ruling requiring the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to readjust fuel economy standards in cars made since the 1980 model year could cost General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. hundreds of millions of dollars in penalties, a consumer group said Thursday.

Clarence Dilow, director of the Center for Auto Safety in Washington, also said in an interview that the ruling was likely to mean that European luxury automakers, who already pay so-called "gas-guzzler" taxes, would be penalized.

In a 5-to-3 vote, the court on Tuesday reinstated a 1986 ruling that requires the agency to amend a 1985 action increasing the Corporate Average Fuel Economy ratings for autos made since 1980.

The agency increased its miles-per-gallon estimates for those cars based on changes in certain test procedures. The court said the agency also had to take into account other test procedures that lowered fuel economy ratings.

The agency has 90 days to decide whether to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

When the original ruling was made, the Center for Auto Safety estimated that General Motors faced \$250 million in penalties and Ford \$50 million because they would not be able to meet revamped fuel economy standards.

Jane Mott, a spokeswoman for General Motors, said that in 1985 the automaker received fuel economy credits that were applied from 1983 to 1986, bringing the company into compliance with the Center for Auto Safety's standards for those years. The court ruling means that those credits may have to be recalculated, she said, meaning General Motors would fall short of the fuel economy standards.

'What it eventually will come down to is how big the EPA decides the adjustment is,' said Mr. Dilow. 'GM and Ford lobbyists naturally will fight for a smaller adjustment. Clearly, it will cost them hundreds of millions of dollars, no way around it.'

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7 Charged in Attempt To Siphon Funds From First Chicago to Austria

New York Times Service CHICAGO — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has charged seven men in connection with an attempt to transfer \$70 million from three large customers of the First National Bank of Chicago to accounts in Austria. After arresting four of the men Wednesday, the U.S. attorney's office charged seven in connection with the alleged scheme to defraud the bank and three of its customers, Brown-Forman Corp., Merrill Lynch & Co. and United Airlines. "To my knowledge, this is the largest embezzlement scheme in Chicago history, and certainly the largest when you consider the amount of money that was moved," said Anton R. Valukas, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. Newspaper reports said that a bank employee had used fake tape recordings of the voices of two Merrill Lynch officials who were authorized to approve wire transfers from the company's account at First National, a unit of First Chicago Corp. One of the Merrill Lynch officials was in California at the time, the other in the hospital. The complaint charges that the defendants completed three wire transfers totaling \$69.7 million from the customer accounts at First National to two banks in Vienna. The complaint said that two banking companies in New York, Citicorp and Chase Manhattan, which maintain accounts for the Austrian banks, had been used as conduits for the transactions, which were reportedly made Friday. The scheme was apparently foiled when Merrill Lynch discovered a \$20 million overdraft in its account with First National on Monday. Merrill Lynch contacted First National, whose officials discovered the overdraft in the two other accounts and contacted the FBI. No loss is expected for the bank or its customers. First National said.

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Carbide's Stock Falls After It Cuts Dividend

NEW YORK — Union Carbide Corp.'s stock fell sharply Thursday after the company announced it would cut its dividend and issue more shares. Union Carbide closed at \$18.125 a share on the New York Stock Exchange, down \$2.875 from Wednesday. The company told stock analysts that it expects to price a proposed offering of 15 million new shares at \$20 each, raising \$300 million. Analysts at the meeting, however, said the company would have trouble selling the stock at that price. On Wednesday, Union Carbide said it would reduce its dividend to 20 cents a share from 37.5 cents. Analysts said they were unhappy with the decision. "Everybody believes the dividend cut is unwarranted," said Leslie Ravitz, an analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc. "It has left the shareholders holding the bag." Garo Armen, an analyst with Dea Witter Reynolds Inc., said, "This is the blackest day in chemical management history." Union Carbide's chairman, Robert D. Kennedy, said the dividend cut and share issue were necessary to reinvest in the company's growth. "We will have a much more viable and strong company in the long term," he said. He said the company expected to save \$70 million a year from the dividend cut, after payments into the company's dividend reinvestment program and the new stock offering. The dividend cut and share issue are intended in part to trim the large debt the company incurred in its successful fight against a hostile takeover by GAF Corp. in 1986.

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Moody's Rates Chinese Bonds

TOKYO — Moody's Investors Service Inc. has assigned a single-A3 rating to 300 million Deutsche marks (\$310 million) of Eurobonds issued by China and due in 1992. The U.S. credit rating agency chooses from 27 categories when evaluating a bond, from single-C, the highest investment risk, to triple-A1, the lowest risk. Moody's Japanese office said Wednesday that it was the first time a bond issued by China had been rated by a U.S. credit-rating agency. The Moody's statement said that the rating was based on China's current low level of debt, expectations that future borrowing will remain within its payment capacity and the progress made in stabilizing Chinese politics. Moody's said China's foreign debt was low by international standards, totaling an estimated \$27 billion at the end of last year. That represents 9.3 percent of its output of goods and services.

SmithKline Plans A Stake in Nova

PHILADELPHIA — SmithKline Beckman Corp. said Thursday it planned to buy 2.7 million shares of Nova Pharmaceutical Corp. for \$25 million and that the companies would form partnerships to develop medical products. SmithKline said it also would obtain warrants to buy 775,000 additional shares at \$9.28 each as part of the deal. It will make a further investment of \$24 million on similar terms in 1991, depending on Nova's stock price at the time. Nova currently has about 22.5 million outstanding shares. SmithKline said the companies had agreements to form partnerships to develop therapies for treatment of central nervous system diseases and to develop compounds to treat allergy and cold symptoms.

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Japan Reported Ready to Scrap Limits on Auto Sales to U.S.

By Patrick L. Smith
International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — The Ministry of International Trade and Industry intends to abolish a seven-year-old ruling next April by which it "voluntarily" limits Japanese auto exports to the United States, according to news reports Thursday.

The reported decision, which was not officially confirmed, comes amid a decline in shipments to the U.S. market from Japanese auto plants and substantial increases in the capacity of U.S. factories established or planned by most Japanese automakers.

Such an action by the ministry would be an acknowledgment that auto exports to the United States, the industry's largest market, have passed their historic peak and are likely to continue declining because of the strength of the Japanese yen, industry analysts said.

Ministry officials would not comment on the decision. "I can neither confirm nor deny this re-

2 Nations Make No Headway On Beef and Citrus Dispute

Washington Post Service
TOKYO — Japan and the United States resumed efforts Thursday to solve a rankling trade dispute on beef and oranges, but did not report any progress.

Washington is pressing Japan to lift its quotas on imports of those products from the United States and other countries. Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, which depends heavily on farmers' support, has been reluctant to make changes in the protected agricultural market.

The U.S. deputy trade representative, Michael B. Smith, met the agriculture vice minister, Yasuo Goto, the first such contact since talks broke off in

Washington early this month. But Mr. Smith said that he had not heard anything to justify a resumption of negotiations at a higher level.

"They had nothing to present to us," Mr. Smith said as he left the meeting with Mr. Goto.

Japanese officials acknowledged that neither side had made new proposals.

Other Japanese officials said there would be no major changes in their proposal to phase out quotas and replace them with surcharges to keep the price of U.S. beef about as high as Japanese-produced meat. Consumers here pay four to five times as much for beef as in the United States.

car manufacturers either operate or are building plants in the United States. By the early 1990s, Japanese manufacturers will have a projected annual capacity of roughly 1.7 million units in the United States.

The reported decision by the trade ministry would also appear to reflect a recent shift in the industry away from its traditional preoccupation with market share in favor of increased efforts to build relatively high-priced products that are less dependent on volume for profitability.

The trade ministry established a three-year quota system in 1981, responding to U.S. pressure to limit exports until American automakers completed broad restructuring efforts. The measure has been renewed annually since 1984.

The system has caused increasing friction between the ministry and the industry since the declining trend in exports became apparent two years ago.

Profit Up 26% At Mitsui as Home Sales Rise

Agence France-Press
TOKYO — Mitsui Real Estate & Development Co. said Thursday that pretax profit rose 26.5 percent in the fiscal year ended March 31 as low interest rates and government loans spurred a rise in home sales.

Mitsui, the largest developer in Japan, said pretax income rose to 38.35 billion yen (\$307 million). Net income advanced 22 percent to 18.66 billion yen and sales rose 23 percent to 394.87 billion yen.

But spokesmen for Mitsui said that home sales slowed in the middle of the fiscal year as tenants became more selective amid soaring rents and rising supply.

Dainippon Ink's Profit Rises By 20% to 14.5 Billion Yen

Agence France-Press
TOKYO — Dainippon Ink & Chemicals Co. reported record profit and revenue Thursday for the year ended March 31, with pretax profit rising 30 percent to 14.51 billion yen (\$1.16 billion).

Revenue rose 7.2 percent to 417.69 billion yen on the strength of brisk sales of ink and synthetic resins, the company said.

Dainippon, a major producer of printing ink, recently branched out into synthetic resins and chemical products with an emphasis on the development of new materials.

In September, it acquired Reichhold Chemicals Inc., a White Plains, New York-based producer of synthetic resins, for \$540 million.

Net profit at the Japanese company climbed 14.2 percent to 6.24 billion yen. Dainippon said its new building materials line still was

Toyota Weighs U.S. Exports

Reuters
TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. is considering exporting Camry cars made by its U.S. subsidiary to Taiwan, a Toyota spokesman said Wednesday. Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA Inc. plant in Georgetown, Kentucky, is to produce the first Camry model on May 26. Taiwan has banned imports of Japanese-made cars because it runs a trade deficit with Japan.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japanese to Buy General Mills Unit

By Isadore Barnash
NEW YORK — General Mills Inc. has agreed to sell its Talbots women's apparel chain to Jusco...

and earnings come from such products as Big G cereals, Betty Crocker desserts and packaged meals...

Olivetti Boosts PC Output to Partner AT&T

IVREA, Italy — Carlo de Benedetti, chairman of Olivetti SpA, said Thursday that its personal computer shipments to American Telephone & Telegraph Co. had risen sharply...

U.S. Investigates Northrop Over Payments to Koreans

By Ralph Vartabedian
LOS ANGELES — A U.S. congressional committee is investigating whether Northrop Corp. improperly bought influence in South Korea in an attempt to sell its F-20 jet fighter...

Westpac Profit, Aided by Gain, Up 67% in Half

SYDNEY — Westpac Banking Corp. reported Thursday that its group operating profit rose 67 percent, to \$31.2 million Australian dollars (\$255 million) in its first fiscal half ended March 31...

Slump in Energy Prices Forces Cuts in U.S. Gas Output

NEW ORLEANS — A sharp fall in natural gas prices, aggravated by excess supply and the recent declines in the cost of oil, is forcing some U.S. gas producers to more than halve production...

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Media General Inc. has received a recapitalization proposal that would involve a spinoff of its broadcasting and cable operations into a new company...

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INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) 19th May 1988

Large table listing various international funds, including their names, currencies, and performance metrics. Includes sub-sections like 'Other Funds' and 'Floating-Rate Notes'.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Steady in Lackluster Trading

NEW YORK — The dollar ended little changed Thursday as concern about U.S. inflation and the recent poor performance on Wall Street ended the currency's two-day gain.

London Dollar Rates

Table with columns: Deutsche mark, Pound sterling, Japanese Yen, Swiss franc, French franc. Rows: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask.

Following the initial euphoria over the \$9.75 billion U.S. trade deficit for March that pushed the dollar up the previous two days, dealers said they were concerned that the improvement from the \$13.83 billion shortfall might be unobtainable.

The fragile state of the U.S. stock and bond markets, where the trade figures aroused inflation fears, was reducing demand for dollars as an investment currency, they said.

The currency fell despite remarks by the U.S. treasury secretary, James A. Baker 3d, Mr. Baker, attending the ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, rejected comments from some European finance ministers that the pace of U.S. domestic demand was too high and could bring on a new inflationary spiral.

Greenspan Sees Odds of Stock Crash as Small

WASHINGTON — Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, told Congress on Thursday there was only a "very small probability" of a repeat of the October stock market collapse.

Mr. Greenspan, indirectly criticizing congressional proponents of more federal regulation of stock and futures markets, told a House and Commerce subcommittee that "inappropriate efforts" to correct the financial system might in fact destabilize financial markets.

U.S. Trade Data Depress Canadian Dollar

MONTREAL — The Canadian dollar's five-month rally against its American counterpart appears to be over, dealers said, as the sharp improvement in the U.S. trade figures for March.

The Canadian dollar had been surging against the American currency since the beginning of the year as U.S. interest rates slipped relative to those in Canada, making Canadian investments more attractive.

Moderate Gain Seen in April Consumer Prices

NEW YORK — U.S. consumer prices are likely to show a moderate April increase, reflecting higher energy costs and increased inflation in government data scheduled for release Friday, economists say.

Economists expect the Consumer Price Index to post a gain of 0.4 percent to 0.5 percent for the month, excluding the food and energy components. The index advanced by an overall 0.3 percent in March.

Looking ahead, economists expect a moderate pickup in the inflation rate over the course of 1988 in comparison with last year. Among other factors, they cite high levels of use of factories, as well as strong domestic and foreign demand for U.S. products.

The government reported last week that U.S. wholesale prices rose 0.4 percent in April. The data showed not only a jump in natural gas and home heating oil prices, but a climb of 0.8 percent in the price of intermediate goods.

OECD: Nations Set Aside Farm Dispute, Signaling Resolve on Trade Talks

Paris, France, president of the European Commission, the EC's executive body, made similar comments on Wednesday.

Advances in agricultural commodities, particularly soybeans, as well as a rise in import prices resulting from the dollar's weakness.

Economists also said that continued strength in the world economy should ensure healthy energy demand, and thus firm fuel prices. "Everything is pointing in the same direction," said Mr. Jones of Inflation. "We're going to get an acceleration in inflation this year, but it's likely to be a gradual one."

Thursday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar volume. It is updated twice a year.

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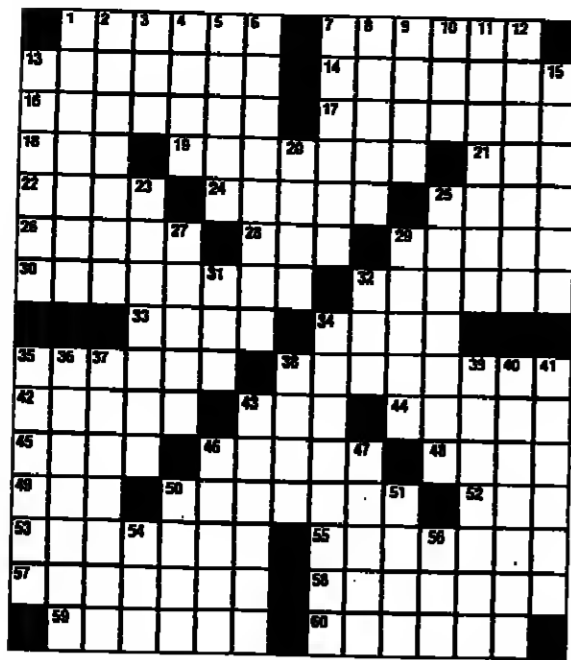
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SIPOE
TIHHC
MIESED
YUFEEL

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A

Yesterday's Jumble: LEECH JUROR MOTIVE BELFRY
Answer: What you might expect him to do when she spends all that money on some silly art object—OBJECT

WEATHER

EUROPE	HIGH	LOW	ASIA	HIGH	LOW
Algeria	12	7	Beijing	12	7
Amsterdam	12	7	Bombay	22	17
Barcelona	12	7	Hong Kong	27	22
Berlin	12	7	New Delhi	33	28
Boston	12	7	Shanghai	24	19
Buenos Aires	12	7	Singapore	24	19
Calcutta	12	7	Tokyo	17	12
Caracas	12	7	Taipei	17	12
Chicago	12	7	Yokohama	17	12
Colon	12	7			
Costa Rica	12	7			
Dallas	12	7			
Detroit	12	7			
Hankow	12	7			
Havana	12	7			
London	12	7			
Los Angeles	12	7			
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Tokyo	12	7			
Yokohama	12	7			

World Stock Markets

World Stock Markets
Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, May 19

Market	Index	Change
Amsterdam	3248	+12
Brussels	2150	+10
Frankfurt	2450	+15
London	2750	+20
Paris	1250	+10
Stockholm	1850	+15
Sydney	3200	+25
Tokyo	15500	+100

BOOKS

A LIFE
By Elia Kazan. Illustrated. 848 pages. \$24.95. Alfred A. Knopf, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

NEAR the beginning of his mammoth but utterly riveting autobiography, Elia Kazan confesses, apropos of his unhappy stint as co-producing director of the Lincoln Center repertory theater during the early 1960s, that he "had no experience in the production of classics" and that he "was skilled only in directing contemporary plays with contemporary themes that I subscribed to and with flavor (the talk that I knew well)."

A roughly parallel observation might be made of his six previous books, the first a screenplay ("America America"), the rest of them novels ("The Arrangement," "The Assassins," "The Anatolian," among others)—that they lacked a sense of literature and of the traditions of fiction, and that they were clumsily disguised explorations of the author's immediate, somewhat undigested experience.

Yet if these deficiencies have hurt Kazan's previous books, they are no handicap in his autobiography.

Have his gift for raw psychological truth is shown to best possible advantage: His subject is truly himself and he grasps for the heart of the problem.

The problem, as he sums it up at the outset, is how to resolve a contradiction he has felt in himself throughout most of his adult life. On the one hand, there was the compulsion to be "bandy," "useful" and, above all, pleasing that won him, early in his theatrical career, the nickname Gadget, or Gadge, which he admits to loathing.

On the other hand, there was the black inner rage and longing for chaos that continually threatened to disrupt not only his career but also his family life.

He goes back to the beginning—to his parents' origins as Greeks from Turkey—and traces his development from a boyhood so anonymous that there was a blank beside his high-school yearbook portrait, to the man who became famous as one of Hollywood's and Broadway's most successful directors.

His honesty is powerful not simply because of what he confesses; it impresses and moves us also because, like the feelings he eventually digs up about his decision to name fellow 1930s Communist Party members to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it is incidental to a deeper process of revealing that self.

The portrait he finally accepts of himself remains that of a deeply conflicted man.

After looking back on his life and cataloging his many contradictions, his most agonizing inability to remain faithful to one woman, he writes:

"I've repeatedly astonished people by what seem to be total reversals of positions and attitudes. This has sometimes led to distrust of me. Again and again my conflicting desires have led to the surrender of one or the other. The happiest he claims to have been is working completely alone, while writing the five novels he published after his film career had come to a close.

Like Peer Gynt, his career reads like the process of peeling away the layers of an onion.

Near the beginning of his book, he compares himself to a black snake, which each spring acquires a "glistening new skin," as it grows "bigger and more confident—or so it seems—but no more friendly."

He writes: "I've shed several skins in my time, lived several lives, and known violent and cruel changes. Generally I've understood what happened only after it happened."

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

BRIDGE players have often shown themselves willing to help one of their own with special problems.

In one recent example, the biggest pro-am game ever played in Philadelphia was organized to help Larry Hoffman, a schoolteacher who has suffered from multiple sclerosis for 12 years.

Judy Kay, the energetic organizer of the event, planned to buy Hoffman an electric wheelchair and a van. She then raised her sights to include the essential van modifications, unwilling to tolerate an eight-month bureaucratic delay to provide financing from official sources.

Hoffman's favorite bridge memory is the diagramed deal on which he held the South cards. He would have made a negative double of one heart holding four spades, so his one-spade bid promised five cards and his partner had on hesitation in raising the suit.

Four spades would have been defeated by a diamond lead, but West naturally led the heart ten. South was careful to cover with the queen so that West would not have a second chance to attack diamonds. When East won and continued hearts, Hoffman made his second key play: he discarded a club. He ruffed the third heart lead high and drew two rounds of trumps preserving dummy's jack. Then he worked on clubs, ruffing the third round and returned to dummy's spade jack to throw two diamond losers on club winners.

As it happens, he could have survived if he had ruffed the second heart lead and ducked a club to East. But that would have been poor play, falling against a slightly different club distribution.

West led the heart ten.

North (D)
942
922
85
84376

East
83
716
72
83754

South
410
410
410

West and East were vulnerable.

The bidding:
North 1♣ 2♣ 3♣ 4♣
East 1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♠
South 1♥ 2♥ 3♥ 4♥

West led the heart ten.

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SPORTS

Oilers Bruise Bruins, 2-1, in Cup Opener



Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches EDMONTON, Alberta — Keith Acton, resurrector in January from a dead-end Minnesota team, repaid the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday night by tipping in a third-period shot to give them a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins in a bruising defensive battle that began the best-of-seven Stanley Cup Final.



Danny Ainge of the Celtics got a head hold on Spud Webb, but the Hawks broke away to end a 13-game losing streak in Boston.

Hawks Put Celtics Near Elimination; Pistons Oust Bulls

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BOSTON — The Atlanta Hawks, ending a 13-game losing streak in Boston Garden, defeated the Boston Celtics, 112-104, Wednesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal and put themselves within a victory of meeting the Detroit Pistons for the right to advance to the National Basketball Association championship series.

NBA PLAYOFFS



Michael Jordan, held to nine points in the second half, and the Bulls were down and out.

Goalie Andy Moog of the Bruins, colliding with former teammate Esa Tikkanen, was outstanding in defeat as he stopped 20 shots. But he was beaten by Keith Acton's tip-in early in the third period.

SPORTS BRIEFS

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany (UPI) — Bayer Leverkusen became the first team in the 30 years of UEFA Cup competition to win the trophy by wiping out an 0-3 deficit when it defeated Espanol of Barcelona on penalty kicks Wednesday night after scoring three goals in the second half.

Winning for Orioles Is Still Much Like Losing

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BALTIMORE — Erod Hendricks was enjoying his stardom Wednesday night as interim manager of the Baltimore Orioles. Then the team began playing like, well, like the Baltimore Orioles.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Up a single to Brian Downing, Doug Sisk relieved, only to walk Mark McLemore to load the bases. Wally Joyner singled home two runs and, after Sisk walked Davis, Don Aase relieved and Ray singled in McLemore.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Basketball, Hockey, and Stanley Cup Finals. Includes game results and scores.

Baseball

Table with columns for Major League Standings and Wednesday's Line Scores. Includes team names and scores.

Transition

NEW YORK — Transferred Ron Gundy, pitcher from Seattle, was scheduled for his 10-day rehab assignment but he is to be traded to the Montreal Expos.

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OBSERVER

Gone With the Mystique

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK—Trying to think of the perfect title...

Then, in a gesture worthy of Don Giovanni flaunting his contempt for the stony Commendatore...

Better not. Just invites a lot of wiseguy reviewers to call it "Rhetorized the Second."

Let's try staying with that sweet-sounding, ever-loving wind. Maybe something sad and sardonic. Like "Wind Thou Never Wert."

Imagine Rhet's illegitimate son confronting the ancient Miss Scarlett...

Here Scarlett throws open the window, shakes her fist at the air and, cackling in disturbed fashion...

Okay, so Rhet's illegitimate son, who is a do-gooder, somehow gets up to Scarlett's \$10 million apartment...

My job is to produce a best-seller title. The author's is to invent a plot that exploits the title.

A Taste of America in Moscow

By Marian Burros
NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE
MOSCOW—When three of the best young chefs from Seattle...



Diana Nowlis, Caprial Pence and Laura Dewell preparing lunch.

The 17 boxes of food and equipment they had brought. Their supplies included the best that Washington State has to offer...

Pence, who is seven months pregnant, begged off. Before dinner, the chefs took a quick tour of the hotel kitchen...

The rivalry between the Russians and Georgians is famous. "We do not have these problems in Georgia," Gorgozid said.

PEOPLE

Japan Plans Art Prizes

A Japanese art society long associated with the imperial family announced Thursday the creation of international prizes for artists...

Davis, who is taking over the RBC Symphony Orchestra in London, Herbig, 56, has been music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1984...

Wilberforce, a black and white tomcat who served four British prime ministers, died on Thursday...

Rare for a man who maintains his own home, Beckett was in Paris since the late 1930s. Most of his works were written in French.

Evan Mecham, removed from office as governor of Arizona amid accusations of misused funds and tasteless comments about blacks and homosexuals...

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra has named Guntmar Herbig as music director, succeeding Andrew Davis.

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